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Unseeded Rooker defeated by ageing champion's serve and volley

With the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the G7 meeting in Lyons, and the leader of the Opposition in Scotland for a groundbreaking speech, Prime Minister's Questions at the Commons on a hot Thursday afternoon felt rather like Court 17 at Wimbledon on a day when key contests were taking place in the Centre Court and No 1 Court.

In Court 17 (I learn) Macedonia was playing Australia. In the Commons Chamber,

Jeff Rooker was facing Michael Heseltine. Jeff who? Very much the Macedonia of the Labour front bench, he seemed an odd choice to depose for Tony Blair.

Normally, Blair's deputy, John Prescott, would stand in. But yesterday we heard that Mr Prescott had broken his foot. So what? Why should that prevent a bloke asking a couple of questions at the dispatch box? Dave Blunkett, who is blind, seems to manage fine as Labour's education spokesman, while for Jack

Ashley (now Lord Ashley), being stone-deaf never hindered him in his quarter century as an MP.

Other excuses offered for Mr Prescott were that he had been in Greece for the late Mr Papandreu's funeral. Hmnn.

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announced that he had joined the middle classes. Now the boy solicits sympathy on account of a foot injury sustained, not by a crane or running for a bus, but running for a plane to Florence, which is not even in the South of England.

As for missing his Parliamentary shift to attend the funeral of an elderly playboy

was one of Hezza's best quarter hours in recent times and the old lion left to a noisy Tory cheer. That he said absolutely nothing of any note may be remarked, perhaps, not so much as a criticism, as a tribute to the showman's guile.

Instead we were offered Mr Rooker, who turns out to be the deputy to the shadow Leader of the House. He put in a plucky performance.

But Michael Heseltine, deputising for John Major, never gave him a chance. It

they retreated. Their policy was being made "over pasta and Chianti" in Islington. Only the thoughtful noticed the deputy Prime Minister's failure to answer the question.

Mr Rooker tried to enquire about the sale of Army homes.

Mr Heseltine mocked his lack of seniority (Tory guffaws) and failed to answer the question.

Mr Rooker said he might be new to the job but he required an answer, and repeated the question. Mr Heseltine attacked Labour's approach to defence. Only the thoughtful

noticed his failure even to support his own party's policies on homes sales.

Subsequent questions offered Mr Heseltine the opportunity to outline his thoughts on the Union, the need for a referendum in England, Tube strikes and pay television.

In no case did his answer take us anywhere. Yet he was by turns funny, and brutal. This man is an intriguing mixture of stage confidence, and intellectual timidity. Bold as brass, but a big girl's blouse too, in his way.

Major tells Hogg: well done, your job is safe

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MAJOR TOLD Douglas Hogg last night that he would keep his job as Agriculture Minister despite calls from senior colleagues for him to be sacked. Mr Hogg, who has faced intense criticism from senior colleagues for his handling of the beef crisis, has also received a letter from the Prime Minister praising his work in recent months.

Mr Major is said to be annoyed that the continuing speculation surrounding Mr Hogg is raising widespread uncertainty about a Cabinet reshuffle. He has told colleagues that a reshuffle is his responsibility and he is not going to be "bounced" into making changes.

A reshuffle of non-Cabinet ministers remains inevitable following the announcement by ministers Steven Norris and Tim Eggar that they are standing down as MPs at the election. The reassurances offered to Mr Hogg make any Cabinet changes much less likely, as senior ministers had suggested that he was the most obvious trigger for a top-level reshuffle.

During a 30-minute meeting with Alastair Goodlad, the Government's Chief Whip, Mr Hogg was told that he had the full confidence of the Prime Minister and that he could expect to retain his current post through to the election. In a personal letter to Mr Hogg, Mr Major wrote: "The last three months of the crisis over beef have not been easy for many of us but I am conscious that they have been most difficult for you and your department, faced with the multiple challenges of an issue with huge agricultural, trade and political ramifications."



At the Glasgow conference are, from left, Mr Cook, Mr McConnell, Mr Dewar, Mr Robertson and Mr Brown

Blair acts to calm party storm as Scots blueprint rocks Labour

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ing performance in the Commons. Mr Heseltine said Labour's policy was in a "shambles" and accused Mr Blair of being panicked into holding a referendum. "He has sold out his promises to Scotland at the first whiff of anxiety in Middle England," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

Labour running Britain with beer and sandwiches at No 10 in the 1970s was one thing. "But running Scotland over pasta and chianti in Islington is quite another thing." Mr Major issued a warning that Labour's plans would lead to higher taxes, the loss of the post of Secretary of State for Scotland, a reduction in Scottish MPs and a cut in outside investment in Scotland.

Today Mr Blair will appeal over the heads of party activists to persuade the grassroots in Scotland that he is firmly committed to a tax-raising

Scottish parliament. In a wide-ranging speech on the constitution at Edinburgh University he will tell party members that as prime minister he would lead the campaign for a "yes" vote on both elements of the referendum.

But the plan to hold a two-question referendum has been agreed by a small committee only recently as the best way of defusing the Tories' "tartan tax campaign" which has been effective.

The committee which included Gordon Brown, Robin Cook, Donald Dewar, Mr Robertson and Ron Davies, the Shadow Welsh Secretary, has been meeting since November to try to solve what Mr Blair has regarded as a potentially damaging policy on Scottish devolution.

But the Shadow Cabinet was only fully informed of the plan on Wednesday night, the day after it had leaked to the press. Today Mr Blair will argue that the plan for a referendum is a key example of how Labour has had to modernise policies to make

them practical. "The golden rule in the manifesto document is we stick to policies we make and we must have a clear idea not only what the benefits are but how we are going to implement them," he will say.

"We will legislate for a Scottish Parliament and a Welsh Assembly in the first year of a Labour government. John Smith said it was his unfinished business but he died tragically before he could implement it."

Jack McConnell, general secretary of the Scottish Labour Party, said the referendum would come within six weeks of a general election won by Labour. A White Paper on devolution will be published within three weeks of a Labour victory, followed by a one-line referendum Bill.

Lord Ewing of Kirkford, the former Labour Scottish Office minister, resigned minutes after the plan was formally announced.

Six days to save Becket casket for nation

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ional Gallery with £3 million of lottery funds. A grant from the National Lottery Fund has been promised, but it is not enough. The heritage lottery fund generally covers 75 per cent of the purchase figure for works over £100,000, insisting that the rest be raised through "partner-
ship funding".

One observer said: "Lottery funds are distributed on a case-by-case basis. It has tended to be 75 per cent for works over £100,000. What's stopping them giving more? I don't think there's anything."

Philippa Glanville, the V&A's chief curator of metalwork silver and jewellery, said that they have received a number of donations from people who have been inspired by the cause: "I can't say we're confident we're going to get it. We're very

encouraged by the response from the public. This has historical resonance and a wonderful provenance. As well as being beautiful, it has great presence. It is one of the great objects."

The casket was on loan to the British Museum since 1979, when it was acquired by the British Rail Pension Fund, which was then investing some £40 million in art; since 1987, the Fund has been selling off the collection in a series of sales at Sotheby's. As the casket was in a German collection before being purchased by the BR Fund, it is not bound by export rules.

Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, has the power to intervene and direct the distributing bodies. Scholars and historians are appealing for action, calling for the heritage lottery

fund's chairman, Lord Rothschild, to release the full grant.

The National Art Collections Fund, Britain's largest art charity, kickstarted the campaign by donating a £100,000 grant. It remains committed to saving the work.

Among scholars voicing concern about its possible departure is the medievalist Michael Kauffmann. He said: "It is a splendid piece. It would be a great pity if we lost it. It is a marvel. Becket was a national saint until Henry VIII had him scrubbed out. He was one of most popular saints in Europe at around 1200. It would be a pity if the largest and most beautiful manifestation of that cult were to go abroad."

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Threat to MoD homes sell-off

By JAMES LANDALE
AND ANDREW PIERCE

MICHAEL PORTILLO's plan to sell off Armed Forces married quarters came under fresh threat last night after Labour announced it would force a vote on the issue next month. Tory backbench opponents also brushed aside attempts by the Defence Secretary to allay their fears.

A source close to Tony Blair said: "We think it is bad economically, bad for service morale and we are going to do all we can to stop it."

With many Tory MPs fiercely opposed to the planned sale

of 60,000 service homes, the Government could easily face defeat. Ministers had hoped to push the move through without a Commons vote.

Labour said it would try to use an amendment to the Housing Bill, currently going through the Lords, or one of the days allotted to the Opposition for debates.

Although some 20 Tory MPs have withdrawn their names from a Commons motion opposing the sell-off, 40 have refused to give in to the Whips. They believe the sell-off goes against the views of many in the forces and groups such as the Royal British

Legion and the Army Families Federation.

Julian Brazier, Tory MP for Canterbury and leader of the rebellion, demanded that the Government rethink the plans and listened to army families.

He said that a letter sent by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, to all Tory MPs yesterday outlining the Government's position contained nothing new.

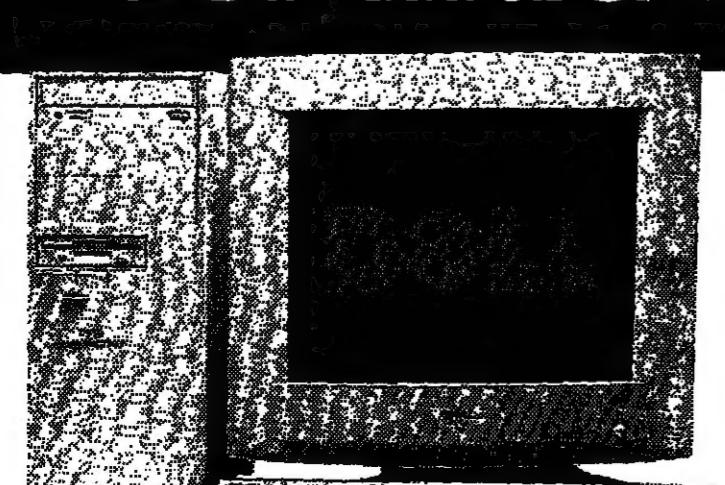
In the Commons yesterday, Michael Heseltine, standing in for the Prime Minister, insisted that everyone in service life understood that as a condition of service they might be expected to move.

Ro-ro operators face safety bill

Ferry operators will be forced to carry out expensive overhauls of their older roll-on, roll-off ships at a cost of up to £3 million per vessel to meet a tough new safety standard to be phased in from next year.

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Drug-deal suspect offered corrupt policeman £60,000

By RICHARD DUCE AND STEWART TENDLER

A CORRUPT police officer faces a lengthy jail sentence after a suspected drugs dealer was convicted yesterday of offering him £60,000 in bribes.

John Donald, 37, had admitted taking bribes from Kevin Cressey, 38, a self-confessed criminal, but the case against him could not be opened until Cressey was eventually convicted yesterday at the Old Bailey of offering the cash for information about undercover operations. During the two-month trial the jury was offered 24-hour police protection.

Donald, described by the prosecution as "steeped in corruption and dishonesty to the core", was exposed in a BBC *Panorama* programme. He will be sentenced today by Mrs Justice Steel.

Cressey, of Dilton, Kent, met Donald when he was arrested and accused of drugs

dealing, a charge on which the jury, after three days of deliberation, has still to agree. He was arrested in 1992 as part of a lengthy South East Regional Crime Squad operation, known as 009, into drug dealing in the South of England. All the suspects were known as an "India" and Cressey was "India One".

John Nutting, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that he was arrested in Streatham, south London, with David Fraser, son of "Mad" Frankie Fraser, who was carrying a Browning automatic pistol. Police allegedly seized a laundry bag containing 52kg of cannabis resin, worth £20,000.

Cressey decided to turn informant and Donald, based with one of the South East Regional Crime Squads in Surbiton, Surrey, had regular meetings with his new charge. Donald, of Shep-

perston, Surrey, was assigned another officer, but then broke the rules by persisting in meeting Cressey alone while his colleague went away on a course. It was while the pair were alone together that Donald took £1,000 for handing over a copy of the police file on Cressey.

Then Donald took £18,000 to ensure that Cressey received bail on the drugs charges. He was paid a further £500 for providing Cressey with police information about surveillance on a Michael Lawson.

Donald also agreed a fee of £40,000 to destroy incriminating evidence in the case against Cressey. A further £10,000 was promised for providing Cressey with information about British Customs and United States drug agency operations for Mr Lawson and a Kenneth Noye.

On December 17, 1992, the case against both Cressey and Fraser was discontinued at a committal hearing before Camberwell magistrates, but three months later police decided to recharge Cressey with possession of drugs with intent to supply. Fraser had by then left the country and is believed to be living in Spain.

Three weeks later Cressey, believing he had been double-crossed, decided to discredit the case against him by establishing that Donald was corrupt. He contacted *Panorama* and, over the next six months, his conversations with Donald, in which he tried to get the officer to admit he had been "fitted up", were recorded secretly.

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Jennifer Powell, who was dismissed from her £24,000-a-year job by Peter Fenwick for allegedly stealing bonuses

Fenwicks executive sacked for theft

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE deputy chairman of Fenwicks department store sacked an executive after accusing her of stealing staff Christmas bonuses, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Peter Fenwick dismissed Jennifer Powell from her post as building manager and company secretary at Chesterfield House, a mansion block in Mayfair, central London, where Fenwicks owned a number of flats. Mrs Powell, who was paid £24,000 a year and had a rent-free flat, is claiming unfair dismissal.

She denies theft and says she was not given a fair hearing. The tribunal was told that two porters at the flats found



Chesterfield House, where Fenwicks owns flats

discrepancies in the Christmas bonuses dating back two years. Jim Gorman and David Reeves kept diaries of their bonus in 1995 and found that they received about £50 each, although two residents alone had given £700 and £455 each to be shared among a staff of 12. The bonuses were paid directly to Mrs Powell. She claimed that she withdrew some of the bonus until after Christmas without telling the staff, but had intended to pay them. But before she could do so, she was sacked.

Mrs Powell, of Bournemouth, Dorset, was dismissed in January for gross misconduct after the porters told one of the building's owners, David Atterton, a former director of the Bank of England, of their suspicions.

Peter Oldham, for Mrs Powell, said that his client was an exemplary manager who arranged Christmas parties for staff and bought them each a turkey. Mr Fenwick had not given her a fair hearing.

The tribunal was adjourned until November 12.

John Donald, left, has admitted taking bribes from Kevin Cressey for information about police activities

Tent girl's injuries like those in car crash

By KATE ALDERSON

THE killer who took Sophie Hook, 7, from a garden tent left her with head injuries so severe that they could have been caused in a road accident, a court was told yesterday.

Dr Donald Waite, a Home Office pathologist, said Sophie's bruises were like those of an accident victim whose head strikes the windscreen or the side of the car. He confirmed that all the injuries he had accounted for were inflicted while she was alive.

Three children told Chester Crown Court on a video link that they saw Howard Hughes, who is accused of Sophie's murder, lingering on a bridle path at the bottom of the garden on the afternoon of July 29. The prosecution says that was when Sophie, her siblings and cousins were playing in the garden, some of them wearing little clothing, and chatting excitedly about camping in a tent that night.

On Wednesday, Gerard Elias, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Hughes "had heard and perhaps seen the children and he was lurking to get a better view".

Sophie, from Great Budworth, Cheshire, was taken from a tent in her uncle's garden in Llandudno under cover of darkness and subjected to a violent attack before being strangled. Mr Hughes, 31, from Colwyn Bay, North Wales, denies murder and double rape.

The case continues.

Barrister four times over drink-drive limit may go to jail

By TIM JONES

A BARRISTER was warned yesterday that he faces a jail sentence after he was found to be four times over the drink-drive limit when his car was stopped. James Bonney, QC, told police patrol officers: "I am a High Court judge. Take me home."

Michael Wenman, president of Lytham Magistrates' Court, Lancashire, told him the court was considering a custodial sentence after hearing Bonney, 47, had been banned from driving for 18 months after being convicted six years ago for driving over the limit.

The court was told that Bonney, who has chambers in Manchester and London, had been placed on a list of counsel who might be invited to become judges in the Chancery Division of the High Court.

David Forbes, for the prosecution, said that on a May afternoon police saw him mount the kerb twice as he drove at 25 mph down a road at Lytham. Although signalled to stop, Bonney continued down two other roads before halting.

Mr Forbes said that at first Bonney denied drinking but then said he had been drinking heavily the previous evening. "He did not give a roadside breath test and was cautioned by police." A breath test at the police station showed 130 units of alcohol in his blood against the legal maximum of 35.

Richard Henriques, QC, for the defence, said: "He is not a drinker. You may think that an extraordinary statement but what has happened is that on two occasions he has basically drunk too much."

He added: "This conviction must have ended any judicial career he may have hoped for. He must expect shame and disgrace other members of the community could not suffer. Since this event he has not worked or consumed any alcohol whatsoever."

Mr Henriques said that at the time of the offence his client, a church lay reader, was unwell. His father had died of cancer and his daughter had been in hospital. He had also found that he could not cope with his workload since becoming a QC.

He will be sentenced after magistrates have considered reports.



Bonney: has not worked since the breath test

Woman was shot dead in row over swearing

By A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN of 55 was shot dead on her doorstep after telling her son's friend to stop swearing, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mary Wilding was hit in the neck by a blast from a shotgun fired by Andrew Mcleod, 41, who then turned the gun on himself.

The inquest at Milton Keynes was told that moments earlier the two had argued when Mcleod, who was drunk, began shouting and swearing outside Mrs Wilding's home in the town. Witnesses said they heard Mcleod say: "I'm going to shoot you. You've had it now — I'm going to kill you."

Mcleod had been to a barbecue nearby on the night of the shooting in August last year. His girlfriend, Una Kear, said he had been drinking and smoking cannabis.

Mrs Wilding's son, Kevin, 31, said he saw Mcleod after going out to close the gate. "He was very abusive. I can't remember the exact words but my mum told him off."

In a statement read out at the inquest, Wilhelmina Sharpe, a neighbour, described how she heard Mcleod threaten to kill Mrs Wilding. He went away and returned with a gun. She heard a "loud shot and saw sparks". Seconds later there was another shot, she said.

The deputy North Bucks coroner, Peter Lovegrove, recorded verdicts of unlawful killing and suicide.

Victim's 12 days in witness box

A JAPANESE student, the victim of an alleged gang rape, yesterday finished giving evidence after 12 days in the witness box at the Old Bailey.

The student, 20, said she had been kept naked as a prisoner for 48 hours by six teenagers who took it in turns to rape and assault her. She was so traumatised that she

was unable to talk to police for two days.

She was cross-examined by 11 barristers and frequently broke down in tears. The student, who had been in London for less than a month, said she was lured into trap by a 16-year-old after a sightseeing trip in Leicester Square.

The accused are Jason Baksh, 17, his brother Mark, 21, Aynont Waite, 18, all of Tulse Hill, and Roger Leslie, 19, of Brixton, south London. A 15-year-old from Streatham and a 16-year-old from Tulse Hill may not be identified.

They variously deny rape, indecent assault and aiding and abetting rape between October 12 and 14 last year.

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City children win village breaks despite the bicker of Dibley

By TIM JONES

DEPRIVED inner-city children will soon be playing in the leafy lanes of an idyllic Chiltern village after a planning decision that divided the community. The nine-year dispute has been dubbed a classic case of the "not in my back yard" syndrome and brought

into conflict such luminaries as Jeremy Paxman, the broadcaster, and Lady Quinton, wife of the former chairman of the British Library.

The scheme to allow the former primary school in Turville — used as the setting for the television series *The Vicar of Dibley* — to be used as a holiday camp was approved unanimously by High Wycombe District Council, in spite of objections from a quarter of the 65 villagers.

Mr Paxman, who lives in the parish, but not in the village, has come in for particular criticism because of his role in helping to secure an £11,000 grant toward the project from a National Lottery fund. He has been supported by the author John Mortimer, the broadcaster Anna Ford and the actors

Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack.

Lady Quinton, who lives in a splendid mill house, has said that, as the village is only 40 miles from London, the children could be driven there and back in a day, and points out that there are no facilities in the village, which has one pub but no shop. She added:

"If they are small, what are they going to learn? If they are big, they are going to get into mischief!"

Alistair Horne, the biographer, said: "We think it is very arrogant of Paxman, Mortimer and all the other showbiz types when not a single one of them lives in the village." Peter Bond, a former BBC World Service announcer, said: "It is a question of peace and quiet. There will be 12-year-old boys, and where you

get a dozen of them you get a lot of noise."

He claimed that the Chiltern Country Holiday Fund project had already cost £250,000. "For that, they could take the children to Disneyland."

The Rev Paul Nicolson, a keen supporter of the plan, said: "They have made an Alpine mountain out of a Chiltern hill. The children will be well-supervised."

At least 17 villagers had written to the council, controlled by the Liberal Democrats and Labour, to object to the plan. Brian Pollock, a councillor, said: "I find these objections petty and pitiful. I thought we were being asked to approve a site for convicted axe murderers. All we are talking about here is children."

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Solicitors 'rubber stamped' director's £8m fraud

By FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR solicitors who rubber-stamped decisions at a law firm had no idea they were presiding over one of the greatest disasters to hit their profession, a disciplinary tribunal was told yesterday.

A total of £8 million was plundered from clients' accounts at the 250-strong Durnford Ford firm by their boss, Graham Ford, described as a "extremely charismatic and Machiavellian" mastermind. Last year he was given a ten-year sentence for fraud.

Yesterday William Bew, his co-accused of Winstone, Gloucestershire, and three other "senior equity partners" with Ford's firm appeared at the solicitors' disciplinary tribunal, where they admitted bringing the profession into disrepute.

Bew was struck off the solicitors' roll. The other three

Roy Kershaw, 47, of Howden-le-Wear, Crook, County Durham; David Gunson, 51, of Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire; and William Elliot, 44, of Dorchester, Dorset — were each fined £5,000 and ordered to pay substantial but undisclosed costs.

Andrew Hopper, for the Law Society, told the tribunal in London that Bew, 38, a junior equity partner, narrowly escaped losing his liberty when he was given a suspended jail sentence for furnishing false information.

Ford was the mastermind of administrative affairs. The senior equity partners, Kershaw, Gunson and Elliot, were only "nominally equals" but Ford was effectively the company director, Mr Hopper said. The three simply "rubber-stamped" decisions made by Ford and were "ignorant" of the dishonesty was taking place.

Ford plundered £8 million from accounts simply to keep the Hastings firm afloat. It crashed in 1992. "The profession will have to bear these losses," Mr Hopper said.

Mr Leverton, chairman, said: "It is simply not acceptable for solicitors to close their eyes, to act as rubber stamps, or fail to blow the whistle."

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And below, in fact, the risk to health that one other study reported for eating one biscuit a day.

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Diet highest in saturated fat	6.14	Lung cancer	Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Vol. 85, p.1906 (1993)
Non-vegetarian v vegetarian diet	3.08	Heart disease	American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Vol. 31, p. S191 (1978)
Frequently cooking with rapeseed oil	2.80	Lung cancer	International Journal of Cancer, Vol. 40, p. 604 (1987)
Drinking 1-2 glasses of whole milk per day	1.62	Lung cancer	International Journal of Cancer, Vol. 43, p. 608 (1989)
Eating one biscuit a day	1.49	Heart disease	Lancet, Vol. 341, p. 581 (1993)
Drinking chlorinated water	1.38	Rectal cancer	American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 82, p. 955 (1992)
Eating pepper frequently	1.30	Mortality	American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 119, p. 775 (1984)
Exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke	1.19	Lung cancer	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1992)
High vegetable diet	0.37	Lung cancer	International Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 25, Suppl. 1, p. 32 (1996)
High fruit diet	0.31	Lung cancer	American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 133, p. 683 (1991)

*Relative risk measures how much consuming, or being exposed to something, raises or lowers risk.
According to the US National Cancer Institute... "In epidemiologic research, relative risks of less than 2 are considered small and are usually difficult to interpret. Such increases may be due to chance, statistical bias, or effects of confounding factors that are sometimes not evident."

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Charles II portrait comes home from Vienna exile

By DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A LONG-LOST portrait of Charles II, painted by Antonio Verrio as the centrepiece of a magnificent 17th-century ceiling at Windsor Castle, will be returning to Windsor after its discovery by a London dealer.

The particularly lively portrait, painted between 1680 and 1684 shortly before the monarch's death, has been bought by the Royal Collection. Sir Christopher Lloyd, Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, described it as "a most significant acquisition".

The 32in by 27in portrait by one of Charles II's favourite artists is almost all that remains of Verrio's murals and ceiling for St George's Hall. George IV disliked them so much that he had the entire scheme dismantled and destroyed in 1829, commissioning a new look from the architect Sir Jeffrey Wyatville.

Verrio is enjoying a touch of divine justice: it was Wyatville's design that was destroyed in the 1992 fire at Windsor. Verrio's portrait is likely to be given pride of place within the renovated St George's Hall.

The oil-on-plaster portrait was discovered by Philip



Charles II looks down on St George's Hall, as it was

Mould, a London dealer specialising in British portraiture, at the Dorotheum auction house in Vienna. It had been miscatalogued as a portrait of Kaiser Leopold I, a contemporary of Charles II.

Mr Mould said: "When one comes across a new image of Charles II which is clearly contemporary and then, added to that, it's on plaster, bells start ringing. I was so sure, I didn't even bother to go to Vienna." He snapped it up for £8,000, ignoring the £1,000 estimate. Dealers suggest its value might be £30,000.

Verrio's walls depicted scenes from the life of Edward III and the Black Prince, while Charles II took pride of place on the ceiling. Its history after 1829 was a mystery, Sir Christopher said. One theory is that Wyatville himself might have saved it; another portrait of Charles II is known to have been owned by him.

During the restoration of St George's Hall, various fragments of Verrio's work have been uncovered, primarily along the top half of the walls. There is nothing, however, to compare with the portrait.

Verrio (1630-1707), was born in Lecce, southern Italy, and

trained in Naples and Paris. He came to England in 1672 and was taken into royal service, receiving commissions for Windsor, Whitehall and Hampton Court. His reputation, however, suffered at the hands of the art historian Ellis Waterhouse, whose 1962 study, *Painting in Britain, 1530-1790*, gently mocks him: "Verrio perhaps counts as the most heavily remunerated painter in Britain up to the time of Sir John Millais. It suggests some reflections on the British character that he is also one of the worst."

Verrio's reputation has since improved. Kathryn Barron, a curator of paintings with the Royal Collection, said: "A lot of what survives was painted late in his career. He went blind and probably should have stopped painting then. Some of the earlier rooms at Windsor that can still be seen are extremely beautiful. Whatever the quality of his painting, he did introduce this new style of Baroque decoration to England. He was terribly influential."

She added that the Royal Collection has 14 paintings of Charles II: "Of those, only five are considered particularly important. This is a particularly vivacious portrait."



Sir Christopher Lloyd, Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, and the Verrio portrait

Six jail alerts in 22 weeks revealed

By RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Prison Service faced six serious incidents of threatened disorder, including three at top security jails, during the first five months of the year, according to internal documents seen by *The Times*.

In each case a special command suite was opened and in two cases riot squads were sent to jail as senior officials feared indiscipline would erupt into disturbances.

Trouble was expected at Frankland jail near Durham twice in 12 days when staff thought inmates were plotting to cause trouble on the wings. On one occasion Tornado units, special teams of riot squads, were sent to the jail, which is one of five holding the most dangerous prisoners.

In another case five teams were sent to Rochester prison in Kent when 67 immigration detainees refused to return to their cells for five hours.

At Leyhill prison in Gloucestershire, staff spotted a white van unloading bags near the perimeter fence which were found to contain six bottles of whisky, 53 of cider, 19 of lager, 18 of strong ale, cigarettes and a large bag of Chinese food.

The documents show that in the five months there were 1,539 assaults on prison staff or prisoners in the 135 jails in England and Wales, 494 absconds and 184 failures to return after temporary release. There were 3,521 drug finds, 14 escapes, 31 suicides and 337 attempted suicides and 33 incidents of concerted discipline.

David Evans, general secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, said that the internal Prison Service document provided a realistic picture of the difficulties facing the service at a time when prison numbers had reached an historic high of 55,028.

Mr Evans said that increased searches and restrictions on home leave had affected the amount of illegal substances entering jails and action was needed to prevent overcrowding.

Prisoner 'had sex in front of visitors'

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISONERS are engaging in intimate sexual behaviour with their partners in front of other families and children during visits, according to a report published today.

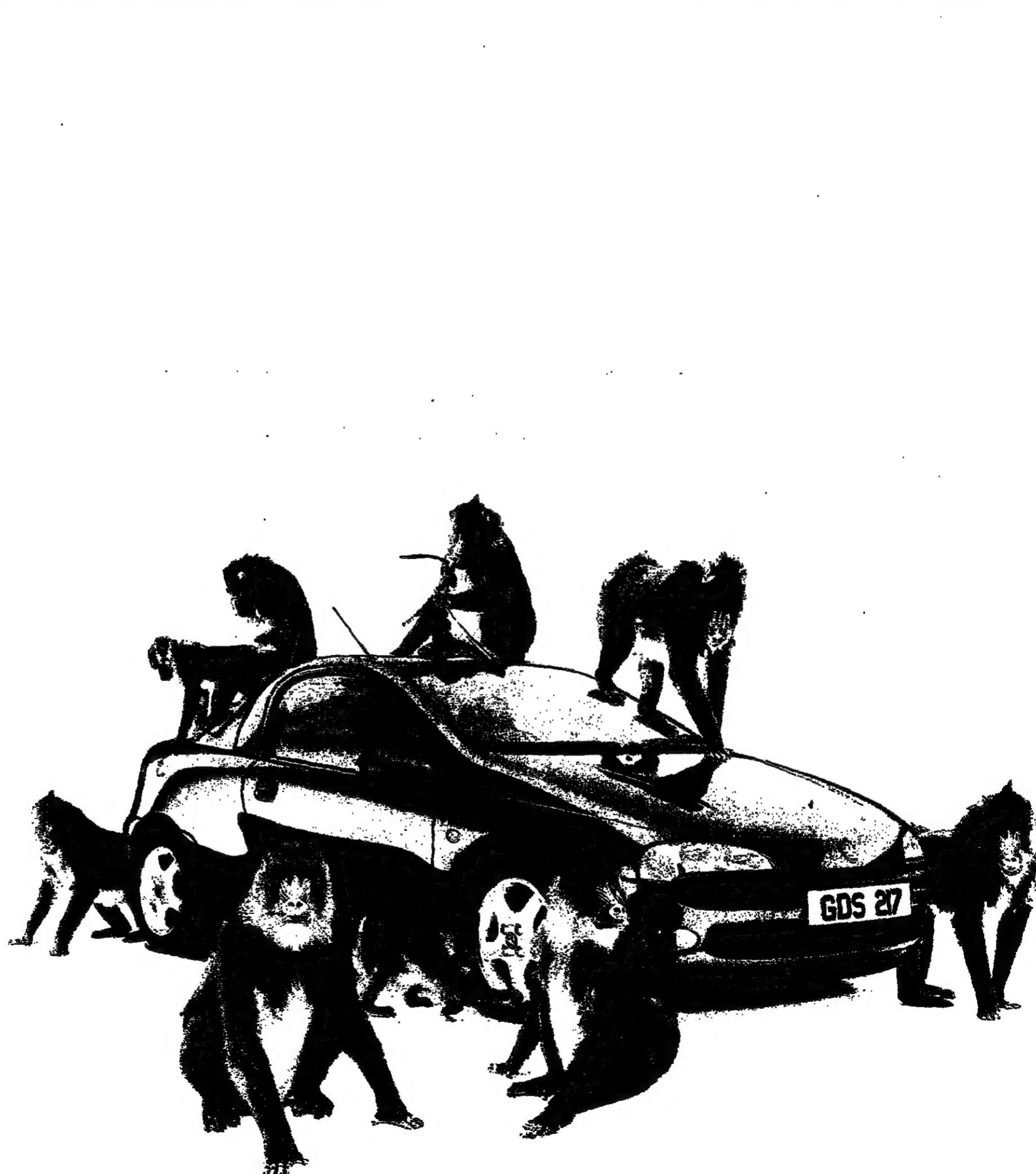
Prison inspectors witnessed intimate contact between an inmate at Maidstone jail and his visitor in spite of the room being monitored by security cameras and guarded by up to three prison officers. The incident is understood to have occurred towards the end of a visit when a woman visitor wearing a short skirt sat on an inmate's lap. The inspectors say that staff were reluctant to intervene to halt the fondling taking place in front of children and other families sitting at nearby tables.

Members of the board of visitors at the jail in Kent also expressed concern at similar behaviour, a report by Sir David Ramsbotham, the new Chief Inspector of Prisons, says. There appeared to be no restriction on where or how the prisoners and visitors sat at 40 tables set out in rows in the small visiting room.

"Although security cameras surveyed the room, staffing levels were insufficient to maintain control in this sensitive area," he says. "We observed intimate contact between one prisoner and his visitor. This was unacceptable, especially since there were families with children at nearby tables."

Visits are a particular problem in jails such as Maidstone that house many life and long-sentence inmates. The dilemma for prison officers is how to intervene without causing trouble in a visiting area. In many jails officers who have witnessed sexual behaviour will recommend that an inmate is put on closed visits, in which a screen separates the prisoner from his or her visitor.

In spite of the strictures on the visiting area, the report praises the purposeful regime at Maidstone jail and the good relations between staff and inmates.



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CID named as worst for sexual harassment

By PAUL WILKINSON

SEXUAL and racial harassment was yesterday alleged to be widespread in a police force, with the CID among the main culprits.

Independent researchers commissioned in South Yorkshire by the Police Federation and the civilian staff union, Unison, found that up to one in eight women were victims of sexual harassment. Virtually all women officers attached to the CID had been harassed.

"Touching was the most serious form of physical sexual harassment reported by female respondents," said the report, based on interviews with 228 people. "Much of the touching behaviour verged on or amounted to minor criminality."

Among allegations of racial harassment was a claim that a superintendent told a colleague: "You only got this job because of your brown face".

Richard Wells, the chief constable, announced measures to combat the problem, including training officers to act as "advisers" to victims. He said: "If the level of inappropriate behaviour is serious, and if the evidence is there, I will sack people."

Ireland 'powerless' in war on drug barons

By AUDREY MAGEE
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish Government virtually admitted defeat yesterday in the battle against the Dublin gangs believed to be responsible for the murder of an investigative journalist.

Nora Owen, the Justice Minister, told Irish radio there was little the justice system could do to apprehend the killers of Veronica Guerin, the award-winning reporter with the *Sunday Independent*. Ms Guerin was shot dead by two men on a motorcycle in Dublin on Wednesday.

Mrs Owen said: "The sad, awful reality of this is that these people feel they can just do this without any answerability on their part. You can rest assured that the person who paid for this murder was not the person who carried it

Minister admits journalist's murderers may escape justice

out. They are probably the most difficult sphere of murderers to solve because of the lack of any connection."

Public confidence that the Government can tackle the Dublin gangs, most of which are heavily involved in drug dealing and trafficking, is rapidly ebbing away.

Opposition parties and pressure groups demanded an overhaul of the laws governing the right to silence and bail. Thousands of people signed books of condolence and brought flowers to Ms Guerin's workplace.

Mrs Owen said that all resources would be made available to find Ms Guerin's

murderer. About 100 detectives and uniformed police were sifting through information on suspects yesterday. A post-mortem examination showed that Ms Guerin was shot five times in the upper body with a handgun. It is understood that the killer may have come from Britain, possibly Scotland.

The Garda Federation, which represents members of the police force, said Mrs Owen should set up a task force to deal with "the godfathers of crime". Frank Gunn, the president, said the task force should be properly funded and equipped and govern-

ment departments such as the Revenue Commissioners should be involved in apprehending criminals.

"There is no sufficient deterrent there for these criminals, who think they can issue death edicts on defenceless human beings," he said.

Ms Guerin, who was awarded the International Press Freedom Award last year, is the first Irish journalist to be murdered. Some of her colleagues have faced death threats in the past. Paul Williams, a crime writer with the *Sunday World*, said he would do what he could to upset the "cosy lives" of the criminals. "When it comes down to the wire, this is the greatest body blow to democracy this country has ever seen," he said.

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Four gang leaders head the suspect list

AT LEAST four big gangs are fighting for control of the Dublin drugs trade. The underworld has splintered in the two years since the IRA murder of Martin Cahill, nicknamed The General, who previously controlled the city's underworld.

He was shot dead in August 1994 as he went to exchange videos. The IRA alleged he was involved with loyalist paramilitaries. He was the terrorists' last victim before their announcement of a ceasefire.

Since Cahill's murder, there have been 11 contract killings. Veronica Guerin's death is the first not linked to gangland warfare. Her killers will have been hitmen employed by one or more of the gang leaders she wrote

about. The men who organised the "hit" will have ensured that they had secure alibis at 1pm on Wednesday when the killing took place.

Ms Guerin wrote extensively about the criminals, their profits and their lifestyles. At the time of her death, she had been researching an article on a gangland figure known to be making huge profits from Ecstasy and cannabis.

Dublin has more heroin addicts than most other EU capitals, with about 5,000 registered heroin users and about 3,000 who are unregistered. Since the mid-1980s, when the heroin situation spiralled out of control, drugs have been a very profitable business. The heroin business is supplemented

by huge earnings from Ecstasy and cannabis resin.

There are four main suspects behind Ms Guerin's murder and she had written about them all. Each of them has become known by a nickname:

The Warehouse Man acquired his nickname because of raids on warehouses and lorries ten years ago. He is now heavily involved in drug dealing, and is said to control the rave scene in Dublin. A multimillionaire, he lives the life of landed gentry on the outskirts of the capital, regularly holidays in the Mediterranean and sends his child to a private school. He may have worked with another Dublin criminal to have Ms Guerin removed.

The Coach is a heroin dealer. It is understood that he called Ms Guerin to warn her to back off writing about the Warehouse Man.

The Monk is a gangland boss and former INLA member. He once masterminded a £2.5 million raid on a Brinks-Alfold depot in Dublin. In the past two or three years he has directed most of his criminal proceeds into legitimate businesses.

The Walrus is currently in Amsterdam after sustained police investigations into his activities. From south Dublin, he deals in cannabis resin and Ecstasy before he had to leave the country. Ms Guerin wrote about him quite extensively. He is now believed to be attempting to supply cannabis and heroin to Irish and British criminals.



Murder victim Veronica Guerin and her son, Cathal

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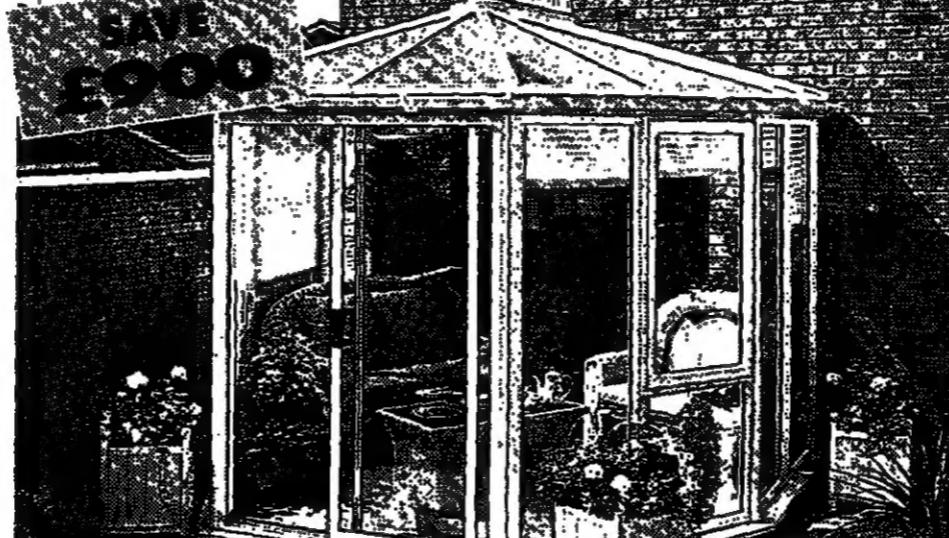
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Union accused of scrapping 'too critical' history

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

THE National Union of Teachers is scrapping an official history it had commissioned to mark its 125th anniversary because the book is too critical, the author claimed yesterday.

The union had been planning to publish the history of its past 25 years before next Easter. But five months after the 80,000-word manuscript was delivered on time to the union, it is still with Doug McAvoys, the general secretary, and has yet to be seen by the committee organising the anniversary celebrations.

Stephen Bates, the *Guardian* journalist who completed the book in January, said Mr McAvoys had cancelled nine separate meetings to discuss changes sought by the union. Bates now understood that a decision had been taken not to publish, although he had not been notified officially.

Bates was guaranteed editorial independence when he was commissioned to write the history, entitled *Put to the Test*, last September. But there was alarm at NUT headquarters when the manuscript arrived. Summing up the union's reduced standing, the first page began: "It has been a very great fall."

The introductory chapter went on to chart the union's decline since 1970, when both Margaret Thatcher, then Education Secretary, and Harold Wilson, Leader of the Opposition, attended a centenary dinner. The union had since lost almost half its members.

UNCOMFORTABLE READING

Extracts from Stephen Bates's unpublished book:

For most of the past 25 years during the professional life of many of its members, the NUT has been an organisation at war with itself, divided in its counsels and uncertain of the path it should follow. It has been denigrated and its importance considerably reduced.

The *oafish attack on Labour's Education spokesman at the union's 1995 conference underlined for many the NUT's sad decline in public esteem. The sight of David Blunkett — a blind and therefore particularly vulnerable figure — having to be locked in a room for his own protection while Socialist Workers Party extremists screamed at him and hammered on the window was a most potent and shocking image.*

No longer the most dominant



Bates says that his book is not unfair

and its influence, something unlikely to alter under a Labour government.

The book project has a budget of £175,000, with the union planning to give away up to 15,000 copies. It is understood that some £20,000 has already been paid to the author and publishers.

A union spokeswoman insisted yesterday that the union still expected to publish the book. But she admitted that no date had been set and no meetings were scheduled to discuss the project.

Officials warned Bates that he might be asked to tone down some sections. Criticisms of Fred Jarvis, a former general secretary, for being "verbose" and of Max Morris, a former president, for using bad language, were thought likely to be unacceptable to the NUT executive.

Mr McAvoys wrote to Bates in March, confirming that there were two issues he wished to discuss and offering "congratulations on produc-

ing such an immensely readable and perceptive manuscript". But Bates said yesterday there had been no detailed discussions and no contact with the union for a month.

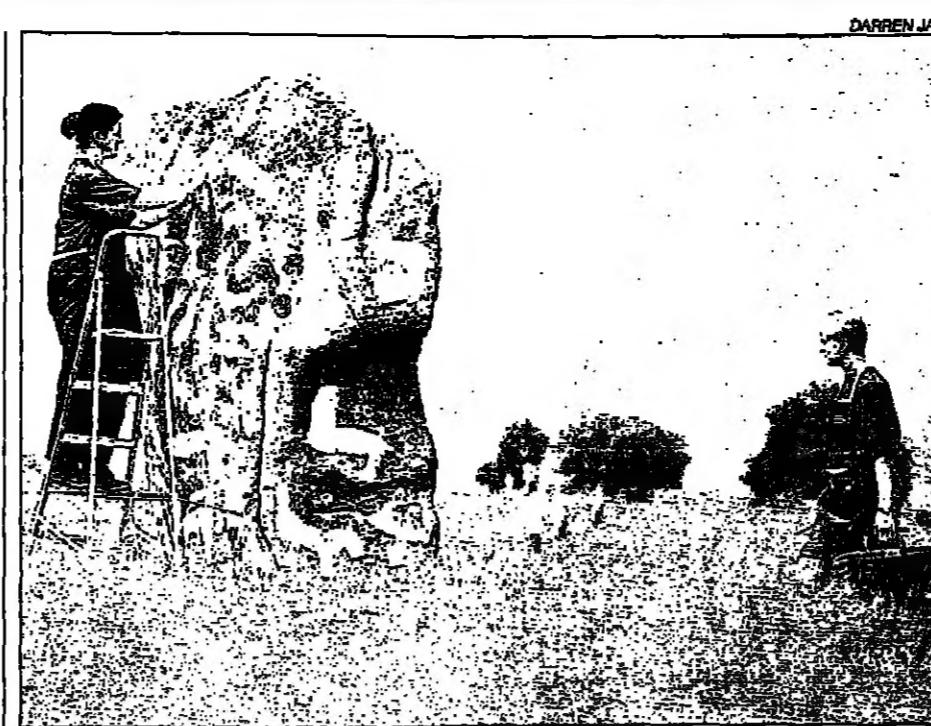
The NUT has had a series of stormy conferences in recent years and attracted criticism over its boycott of national curriculum tests, all of which is chronicled in the anniversary book. But Bates said: "The tone of the book is not overwhomingly critical and I certainly do not think it is unfair."

The influence of the Left on the national executive has increased this year, making it less likely to sanction publication. A spokeswoman said:

"The manuscript is with the general secretary and is to go to the appropriate committee. Projects do get delayed by other urgent issues."

The NUT might soon be overtaken as the largest teaching union by the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. Bates, the *Guardian's* European editor and former education editor, said the NUT appeared nervous about the book's possible impact on its recruitment war with the NASUWT. Should it decide not to go ahead, he would seek alternative publishers.

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Conservation experts beginning the painstaking task of removing graffiti from the Avebury stone circle in Wiltshire yesterday. Satanists or New Age travellers were blamed after eight stones were painted with primitive symbols last week

Scientists claim totem poles once stood on Stonehenge site

By CAROL MIDGLEY

THE site of Stonehenge may have been used for spiritual worship more than 5,000 years before the stone circles were built on Salisbury Plain. Deep holes found beneath the new visitors' car park at the site suggest totem poles made from pine, similar to those used by North American Indians, were erected there. Carbon dating has shown that the holes, 5ft deep and 4ft wide, were made in

about 8000 BC, perhaps establishing the site as a place of mystic significance for future generations.

The discovery may help to solve one of Stonehenge's enduring mysteries why the monument stands in such an apparently arbitrary place.

Dr Mike Allen, the environmental manager of Wessex Archaeology which excavated the site said: "People in those days tended to live near food and water in a river valley, but the site is not like that.

Perhaps cutting down the trees to make a clearing all those years before left a vegetational scar, or maybe there was some remembrance of it being a site of special significance."

Dr Geoffrey Wainwright, chief archaeologist for English Heritage, said the poles were erected by a pre-agricultural community foraging for game, animals, fruit and berries "probably as a mark of respect for gods or dead chiefs".

CUTS in the price of bread offered by the big supermarkets are driving Britain's craft bakers out of business, resulting in losses in jobs and consumer choice. Prices have been as low as 19p for a 800g loaf in some discount outlets, compared with a corner-shop price of 74p.

Britain is alone in Europe in not offering protection to its craft bakers. The National Association of Master Bakers, having seen its membership fall from 5,000 to fewer than 2,000 in a decade, wants the Office of Fair Trading to intervene. Promotions include:

Asda: fresh sirloin steak £9.59 kg, leg of lamb £5.89 kg, loose cherries 99p lb, red grapefruit 89p for three.

Mars/Snickers ice cream bars £1.79 for six.

Budgens: unsmoked rindless Dutch back bacon rashers £1.99 for 400g, Harry Ramsden's Chip Shop oven cod steaks £1.99 for four, Robinsons Barley Water lemon/orange 89p for 750ml.

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Iceland: Southern fried chicken bucket £4.49 for 1145g, light olive oil £2.55 for 500ml, pistachio nuts £2.79 for 350g.

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ons 79p each, peaches £1.49 for ten, 400g strawberries and 224g ml double cream £1.79.

Somerfield: Lincolnshire sausages 99p for 454g, whole salmon £2.17 lb, new potatoes 59p lb, Little Gem lettuce 38p a pack, Golden Delicious apples 99p for 1.4kg, peaches 99p a punnet.

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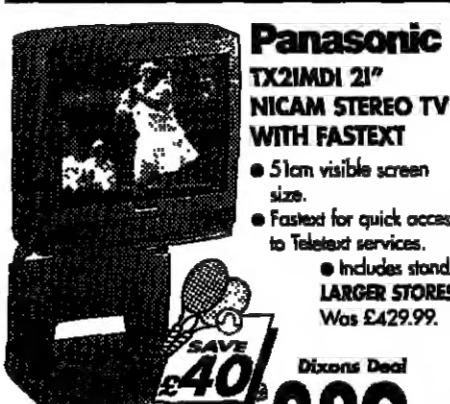


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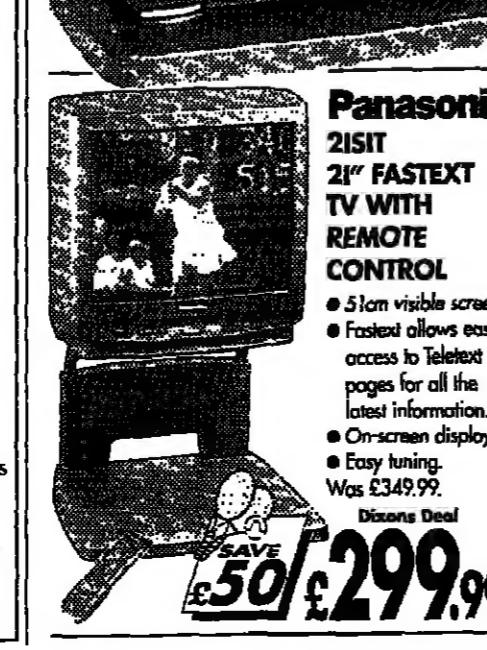
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Court says councils have duty to fund community care

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

COUNCILS must provide community care whether or not they have enough money, the Court of Appeal said in a landmark judgment yesterday. The ruling contradicts government advice that councils are within their rights to prune services if they are short of money.

The majority verdict means that thousands of disabled people will be able to reclaim community care that has been withdrawn because of spending cuts. The judges rejected Gloucestershire County Council's argument that government funding cuts justified it in withdrawing services from 1,500 people.

The Health Department's view, represented at the hearing, that a council should be able to take resources into account when it assessed an individual's need for care. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Lord Justice Swinton Thom-

as said: "The local authority is not entitled to take into account the availability or otherwise of resources when carrying out a decision as to whether... to meet the needs of a disabled person."

The Public Law Project, which brought the test case on behalf of Michael Barry, 80, of Gloucester, a heart attack victim, said that the judgment was the most important so far on the rights of the disabled to community care services.

Stephen Cragg, the project's solicitor, said: "This is a wonderful victory for all those disabled people in receipt of services provided under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Act. Those services are now guaranteed and cannot be removed or reduced, whatever happens to a council's resources. Once a disabled person is assessed as needing a service, the service now must be supplied. There will be thousands of disabled people around the country whose

services have been withdrawn or reduced over the last two years.

"Those people now have the right to have those services restored if their needs have not changed. No doubt this case will have resource implications for local authorities and that is something they will have to take up with the Department of Health."

The council said it was concerned by the judgment and intended to appeal, although this would be expensive. Stephen Thorpe, the acting director of social services, said: "This decision will not only cause confusion and uncertainty within Gloucestershire but will also undermine social services across the country. In effect it means that we will have to provide services even if we do not have the money to do so. This cannot be right. We regret that any rationing of services is necessary, but this has been forced upon us."

Bubble children into the open
By PAUL WILKINSON

A GROUP of children who have had to live for months inside sterile plastic bubbles came together yesterday for a party to thank the doctors who kept them alive against the odds.

The "bubble children", as they are known, were all born with SCIDS, severe combined immune deficiency syndrome, which leaves them without the body's natural defences against even the most minor ailment. A parental kiss could have been fatal.

They were kept isolated in their bubbles, in some cases for years, while specialists at Newcastle upon Tyne General Hospital built up their immune systems through bone marrow transplants.

Among those at the party in Newcastle, held to mark three years of the Bubble Baby Appeal, was Zara Albright, 3, who returned home to Birmingham last year after spending her first 2½ years in a bubble, and Caithlin Scullion, 2, from Gateshead, who has also been treated successfully for the condition.



Party time: Caithlin Scullion and Zara Albright were both treated successfully

Thousands alerted in smear-test inquiry

By LIN JENKINS

THOUSANDS of women have been told that the results of their cervical smear tests may be incorrect. A member of the screening staff at a Norfolk hospital has been suspended.

The results of 8,200 tests, some dating from 1993, are being rechecked by the James Paget Hospital at Gorleston. The women come from 29 GP practices in the Yarmouth and Waveney areas.

An independent inquiry has been launched. Doubts about the accuracy of results first surfaced in February, but were confirmed only in the past few days.

The staff member concerned was said to be someone with more than ten years' experience "who had been performing under par". Mike Pollard, chief executive, said: "The hospital had identified a problem and had taken resolute action to address it."

No one tested this year is affected and all checks are expected to be completed by July 11. So far, two women have been asked to take a further test.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

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TWENTY-FIVE years ago, when I was in the House of Commons, medical research workers showed that the MPs likely to die younger than their contemporaries in the outside world were those in marginal seats, or in their first term. Since Norwich South, my seat, had a majority of a few hundred and it was my first Parliament, the findings were not reassuring.

Members may be motivated by a desire to be fit enough to walk through the lobbies at each vote, and be able to fight on the hustings next time. What motivates the general public?

Two-fifths of the adults interviewed said they would take more exercise if only their doctors showed them statistics which made it obvious that was worthwhile in terms of avoiding heart disease. The ordinary man or woman in the street, or in the pub, could it seems be discouraged from drinking too much by pressure from friends, or by pictures of a liver destroyed by alcohol.

The amount of exercise anybody took was as much determined by their sexual partner as by their own determination. The sight of a flabby belly inspired people to drink less and take exercise more than any other motivating force.

A cardiologist said to me last week that death from coronary thrombosis was "optional". This was an exaggeration but such a thrombosis can be postponed by stopping smoking, by half-an-hour's brisk but not violent walking daily, by having half a bottle of claret in the evening, and by keeping the blood pressure at normal limits.

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Consultant did not tell health chiefs that he had HIV

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A DOCTOR disclosed yesterday that he has had the AIDS virus for the past three years, during which time he worked for several Scottish health boards without telling them of his condition.

Dr Sandy Logie, 57, a retired consultant physician from Melrose, contracted the virus from infected blood while working in Zambia. He spoke of his guilt at not disclosing that he had been diagnosed as HIV positive to the health boards which employed him, but said it had been on the advice of his local board, Borders. His account of his illness is published in today's *British Medical Journal* as "Coming Out — a personal dilemma".

Dr Logie was advised by the Aids team at Borders Health Board to tell as few people as possible about his condition after his diagnosis. He was told there was no need to inform employers before taking up short-term posts as a locum consultant if he followed the Department of Health's guidelines and carried out no invasive procedures.

A spokesman for Borders Health Board said yesterday that Dr Logie's work practice had been monitored closely over the past three years and no patients or staff had been put at risk.

A helpline has been set up

(0800 281239) to reassure the public but the health authority has no plans to contact individual patients.

The doctor informed the health board in the Borders as soon as he knew he was HIV positive. With their agreement he was allowed to continue working, provided that he did nothing that would put any patient at risk," a statement said.

Telling patients might have made them worried about getting infected and there was no cause for worry as there was absolutely no risk."

He has had dark periods in the past year. In October, after another visit to Africa, he became ill and lost a lot of weight. "During the long watches of nocturnal insomnia I sometimes feared that I was at the start of a slippery slide into chronic ill health and that my days were numbered. Restored to health, I now have to plan for an uncertain future."

Dr Logie writes in the *BMJ* that he wants to continue practising medicine. After his diagnosis he says there were two immediate problems: whom to tell and what to do with the rest of his life.

The advice of the Aids team of my local health board was didactic: the fewer people who knew the better, and provided that I did not perform any invasive procedures, there was no reason why I should not continue to practice as a physician and, perhaps controversially, there was no need to tell people of my HIV status before doing short-term consultant locum posts," he said.

"I have had several such appointments without disclosing my status (but feel guilty about it). I have closely followed the advice of the Department of Health's Expert Advisory Group on Aids so I am confident that no patients have been put at risk."

Concealing it had been a big strain. "My wife and I have told no lies, but it is increasingly difficult to field queries about my health, my recent illnesses and my future plans." His wife, a former GP in Earlston and now a medical adviser for the Borders Health Board, has tested negative for HIV.

Six weeks later he fell ill with a non-specific fever and, on his return to Britain, tested positive for HIV.

His initial reaction to the news was one of numbness, but a camping holiday in the Lake District helped him to come to terms with the situation. Yesterday he said: "My state of health at the moment is that I am HIV positive, but do not have AIDS. I feel reasonably fit, but my immunity is not good."

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The Princess of Wales at yesterday's briefing with Aileen Getty, who is HIV positive

Aids specialists deny that disease is confined to gays

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE Princess of Wales was told yesterday that, contrary to recent suggestions, heterosexual infection is the fastest-growing way of contracting AIDS and HIV in Britain.

The Princess, who is patron of the National AIDS Trust, was attending a briefing on the disease in London, accompanied by Aileen Getty, 36, daughter of the billionaire arts patron J. Paul Getty. Ms Getty was diagnosed as being HIV positive after an affair while married to Chris Wilding, a son of Elizabeth Taylor.

During the briefing at the Mortimer Market Centre in central London, Europe's largest centre for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, the Princess and Ms Getty held hands as they listened to experts' attempts to debunk the theory that HIV and AIDS are primarily confined to homosexuals and intravenous drug users. The

briefing was told that 13 per cent of AIDS cases in Britain were now heterosexual, compared with only 3 per cent in 1986. A total of 10 per cent of British AIDS cases were now women, the figure rising to 15 per cent for cases of HIV.

The findings are backed by the Government's Public Health Laboratory Service, but experts point out that the number of cases in Britain is still tiny compared with the United States.

Ms Getty was one of the first women to be diagnosed as HIV positive more than a decade ago. She was invited by the Princess to attend yesterday's briefing. The two women also met HIV sufferers at the clinic.

Their visit coincided with an announcement by Dr Mark Nelson, HIV consultant at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, that trials with the drug Neupogen,

which increases the body's white blood cell count, had proved promising in treating HIV.

The drug is designed to combat neutropenia, a failure of the immune system which leaves many sufferers vulnerable to serious opportunistic infection. Treatment with the drug reversed the sharp fall in the white blood cell count, reducing the risk of infection.

"Hopefully, it will lead to improvements in both quality and quantity of life," Dr Nelson said.

Gay leaders have launched a campaign against suggestions that AIDS is restricted to homosexuals. Last week Jamie Taylor, an Aids charity worker, told BBC Radio that homosexuals feared money to combat AIDS would dry up if the affliction was seen as a predominantly gay disease.

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Doctors retain ban on sex with patients

By JEREMY LAURANCE

DOCTORS who breach the rule forbidding sex with patients must continue to face the severest penalties, the British Medical Association decided yesterday.

After a week of speculation that one of the main pillars of the profession's ethical code was to be swept aside, the annual meeting of the BMA in Brighton voted overwhelmingly to preserve an absolute prohibition on sexual relationships between doctors and patients.

Doctors agreed that any weakening of the rule outlawing affairs with patients would undermine public trust and irreparably damage the profession. Under the existing ethical code, backed by the Hippocratic oath, doctors are forbidden to take advantage of the weak or vulnerable. Any doctor who becomes emotionally involved with a patient is required to remove the patient from the practice list before pursuing the relationship.

Dr Michael Crowe, a GP in Leicestershire, pleaded for more understanding of the social difficulties faced by rural doctors in meeting people who were not their patients. He cited the case of a doctor in Lincolnshire who was suspended from the medical register after having an affair with a married patient whose husband complained to the General Medical Council when the affair ended. The doctor's son, also a GP, later committed suicide.

Half of that doctor's patients felt the suspension was too harsh. They were apparently prepared to forgive him for one error," Dr Crowe said.

He added that he was seeking a minor change in the penalties where there were exceptional circumstances and called for suspensions to be preceded by an official warning.

Dr Crowe's proposal was criticised by a series of speakers. Dr Sam Everington, a GP in east London, said: "It is not acceptable for male and female doctors to abuse the positions of power and influence they often hold over their patients."

Suntan lotions 'may add to risk of cancer'

By JEREMY LAURANCE

SUNTAN lotions may increase the risk of skin cancer because they encourage people to lie in the sun longer, scientists say.

Although the lotions prevent sunburn they are less effective at preventing skin cancer. However, many people wrongly believe that as long as they avoid burning they will avoid getting cancer.

Dr Jane McGregor and Dr Antony Young, of St John's Institute of Dermatology at St Thomas's Hospital, central London, say in the *British Medical Journal* that users of sunscreens are being lulled into a false sense of security.

"A sunscreen's ability to prevent sunburn is designated by its sun protection factor ... which is widely perceived as how many times longer it takes to obtain a mild sunburn, the skin's early warning system. All protection is lost if sunscreens are used to prolong sun exposure to the maximum achievable by the sun protection factor so that, for example, sunburn develops over five hours instead of 30 minutes."

They argue that the marketing of sunscreens as a safe way to stay out longer in the sun may be misleading. There is evidence that this may increase the cancer risk for the same exposure dose.

Sun lotions work mainly by blocking ultraviolet B radiation, which is the chief cause of sunburn and skin cancer. There is increasing evidence that ultraviolet A radiation can also damage the skin and most lotions available in Britain now contain good ultraviolet A protection as well.

Research into whether sun lotions protect against cancer have produced mixed results. Women who develop breast cancer while taking hormone replacement therapy have a better chance of surviving it than those not on the treatment. Researchers from Manchester who studied 433 women with breast cancer report in the *BMJ* that those on HRT tended to have less aggressive tumours, associated with a higher chance of survival.

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Ban on beef hits exports

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE beef export ban took its toll of Britain's global trade figures in April as the trade deficit widened to £1.32 billion from £765 million in March.

The increase, which was above market expectations, was principally because of a jump in the EU trade deficit from £100 million to £500 million.

Total exports rose £100 million to £13.9 billion, with a 2.5 per cent fall in exports to the EU offset by a 4 per cent rise in non-EU exports. April was the month when the beef ban took effect and the Office for National Statistics said that the ban partially accounted for the decline in EU exports.

In the three months to the end of April, the trade deficit increased from £3 billion to £3.4 billion, while exports rose 3 per cent and imports increased 4 per cent. The ONS said the deficit trend was broadly flat with both imports and exports rising.

But some economists fear that the trade deficit is set to widen further in the next few months as consumer demand begins to suck in imports and an appreciating pound hinders exports.

The trade deficit, however, has not been a priority of the Chancellor in recent years and most commentators expect the trade data to remain well down the policy agenda.

The deficit with non-EU countries meanwhile, rose from £795 million in April to £834 million in May. Both imports and exports rose 3 per cent, with the import rise mostly accounted for by aircraft orders.

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Doughty effort: Archie Norman, left, chief executive of Asda, and Allan Leighton, his deputy, carrying the bread at an Asda outlet in Glasgow

Eurotunnel pledges to deny banks control

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

EUROTUNNEL threw down the gauntlet to the company's 225 banks yesterday by giving them a warning that they had no chance of taking a majority stake in the company.

At a rowdy annual meeting in Paris, Patrick Ponsolle, the French co-chairman, who suffered frequent angry interruptions, assured shareholders that the banks' demands that they should be given 50 per cent of the equity would be vigorously rebuffed.

"The banks must know that a clear majority of the capital must remain in the hands of the present shareholders," he said.

The company had already reached a "gentle agreement" with the banks on a restructuring

ing of its near-£9 billion debt and hopes to have a formal agreement by the end of next month, he said. The agreement would involve a partial conversion of debt into shares, with the balance being paid at a reduced rate of interest. Shareholders will have free acquisition rights to reduce their dilution if they so wish, Ponsolle said.

Eurotunnel would continue to seek to maximise its cashflow and would continue its claims against contractors and French and British railway companies, Ponsolle added. He vowed that the restructuring would allow a "reasonable" dividend to be paid by 2004.

Ponsolle, who will become executive co-chairman

when his British counterpart, Sir Alastair Morton, retires later this year, said that the two arbitrators — one British, one French — appointed in February to help the banks and Eurotunnel reach an agreement would continue their efforts until the end of July.

M Ponsolle went on to give warnings to the French and British Governments that it was crucial that they agreed to extend Eurotunnel's franchise beyond 2052. "We hope this will be possible in the coming weeks," he said.

Jacques Chirac, the French President, raised the possibility of extending the franchise on a recent visit to London, but the Department of Transport said this week that the British

government thought it was not in the public interest to do so.

M Ponsolle also thanked Eurotunnel shareholders for their patience in the past nine months of bank talks, which came after a decision to suspend payment of interest on most of its debt. "I ask you to be patient again for a few more weeks to see if there is an agreement with the bank. Your board and I will sign no agreement that we do not consider to be fair to shareholders," he added.

M Ponsolle said he would

try to ensure that the extraordinary meeting to vote on an agreement is held in Paris.

Around 70 per cent of Eurotunnel's small shareholders

are French. "We would like the shareholders' support," he said.

said. "It is very important for negotiations."

If an agreement was not found, the legal position was unclear as French and English law differed on what would happen next, he added.

Sir Alastair, who took a back seat at the meeting but will address English shareholders in London today, said that the company's ultimate object is to increase its revenues by 50 per cent this year.

"Shareholders and banks should share the product of its growing success. We must all be patient and refuse to accept the somewhat Anglo-Saxon philosophy that shareholders must be the ones to lose all."

The shares fell 3p to 104p.

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Asda to create 3,000 new jobs

BY CLARE STEWART

MORE THAN 3,000 jobs are to be created by Asda, the supermarket group, at eight new stores this year. Increased sales at the existing 270 outlets could also generate a further 4,000 jobs.

Details of the expansion plans came as Asda unveiled pre-tax profit up 24 per cent, to £304.6 million, a little ahead of some City forecasts. As expected, there was a strong increase in like-for-like sales growth, up by 12.1 per cent. Earnings per share jumped by 31 per cent, to 7.71p, while the dividend for the year is 2.65p, up 20 per cent.

Archie Norman, chief executive, said that the results showed a fourth successive year of outperformance. "Market share rose 1 per cent, to 10.1 per cent, and customer numbers are up 10 per cent, to 5.6 million."

Asda stepped up its targeting of the healthcare market, with its acquisition of ten pharmacies, nine from a pharmacy chain. No purchase price was disclosed but the additions will mean that almost half of Asda's outlets have an in-store chemist.

Mr Norman, known for his gloomy pronouncements on retailing prospects, was marginally brighter yesterday. "Demand is higher and we expect to see it improve though the year." He also predicted an easing of the supermarket wars. "We are perhaps not going to see the intensity of price warfare."

Asda's push on its own-label range included the launch of 2,000 new products to boost brand penetration from around 34 per cent to 40 per cent by 1998.

Analysts upgraded their current year forecasts, pencilling in pre-tax profits between £335 million and £350 million. The shares eased 4p to 114p.

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Yen	1.5460	(1.5425)
DM	2.2901	(2.2772)
SP	1.9338	(1.9428)
Yen	168.95	(163.43)
S Index	85.8	(85.8)

STERLING

New York	1.54677	(1.5405)
London	1.5460	(1.5425)
DM	2.2901	(2.2772)
SP	1.9338	(1.9428)
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S Index	85.8	(85.8)

US DOLLAR

London	1.5220*	(1.5226)
DM	2.2519*	(2.2576)
SP	1.9043*	(1.9056)
Yen	108.43*	(108.54)
S Index	97.1	(97.2)

Tokyo close Yen 108.41

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep) \$18.58 (\$18.18)

GOLD

London close ... \$362.05 (\$362.05)

* denotes midday trading price

Expectations

BPF, the plasterboard manufacturer, is expecting a recovery in margins after a year in which rising waste paper prices and the bad weather kept the lid on profits growth. Underlying profits at the building materials group were flat at £168 million. Page 26, Tempus 28

Delay

The Ministry of Defence has been asked to delay the decision on a £2 billion replacement for the RAF's ageing Nimrod patrol aircraft so that Lockheed Martin can prepare a cheaper and more comprehensive bid. Page 30

National Express plans derailed

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL EXPRESS'S ambition to build Britain's first nationwide integrated transport group was dealt a heavy blow yesterday when it was told by the Government to scrap five of its flagship long-distance coach routes.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said the company's takeover of the Midland Main Line (MML) rail franchise could lead to a "significant loss of competition" on its parallel coach routes.

Action on the advice of the Office of Fair Trading, Mr Lang said he would refer the takeover to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission unless National Express withdrew its direct coach services

25 per cent for occupying eighth place and zero if Boots falls to either ninth, tenth or eleventh place in the table.

Lord Blyth's basic salary was £470,000 in the year to March 31 but he enjoyed a £50,000 payment from Boots's long-term bonus scheme for directors.

The long-term bonus scheme works by comparing the performance of Boots in a league drawn up from a peer group composed of Great Universal Stores, Kingfisher, Marks & Spencer, Reckitt & Colman, J Sainsbury, Sears, Smith & Nephew, Smithkline Beecham, Tesco and WH Smith.

Directors get a bonus equal to 90 per cent of their annual salary if the company occupies any of the top three places in the league table. The percentage falls progressively to 65 per cent for fourth and 55 per cent for fifth, down to

Body Shop £12m stake sale

BY JASON NISSLÉ

THE garage owner who 20 years ago lent Anita and Gordon Roddick £4,000 to expand their burgeoning Body Shop business yesterday sold an eighth of the stake he ended up with in the company for £12.06 million.

Ian McGinn, who now spends much of his time sailing on his yacht, *Louise II*, named after his 18-year-old daughter, sold 6.7 million shares in Body Shop International to Aeon, the Japanese group, at 180p each.

Aeon, whose subsidiary Jusco is one of the largest shareholders in the company, also holds 45.7 million shares, worth £81 million. He has told the Roddicks that he has no current intention of selling any more.

Mr McGinn was given a 50 per cent stake in the business by Anita Roddick when he lent

her the money to open a second Body Shop outlet. Aide Vaillancourt, his now estranged wife, helped the Roddicks to manage their first shop in Brighton and encouraged them to open their first franchised Body Shop in Bognor Regis.

However Mrs Vaillancourt did not do as well as Mr McGinn. Last year she and her husband, Maurice, were reported to be facing a £39.521 claim from Barclays Bank over a Body Shop franchise they ran in Bournemouth.</p

CBI gives warning against tax cuts

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TAX cuts could unbalance the economy, the Confederation of British Industry said last night in a clear warning against pre-election economic boosts.

The message came after one of Britain's key sectors, the engineering industry, said that growth is now slackening markedly to its slowest rate for more than two years.

Britain's business leaders are preparing their submissions to the pre-Budget process of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and industry will argue for continued economic stability in spite of the looming general election.

In advance of that, Adair Turner, the CBI's Director-General, gave a strong warning against tax cuts. Current levels of public borrowing were unlikely to give any scope for "signifi-

cant" tax cuts, he said. He went further by suggesting that, in any case, the economy did not need them.

Speaking to business leaders in the South East, Mr Turner said there was likely to be little need to stimulate consumer spending with cuts in personal taxes, and there were dangers that large cuts could unbalance the economy.

He said: "Consumer expenditure has grown by 2.5 per cent over the last year, sales of household goods are picking up and the housing market is starting to stir. And looking forward we expect further acceleration, with robust consumer-spending growth next year, even without any tax cuts."

The focus needed to remain on competitiveness, productivity and investment for long-term growth, avoiding any return to the "unsustainable" consumer boom of the past. He said: "Whatever the temptations of a pre-election year, we'll be urging the Chancellor to stick to his belief that good economics is good politics."

Engineering businesses said yesterday that, in the light of a clear slackening of growth in their industry, they would be pressing the Chancellor for policies to support sustainable growth, including new incentives for investment and training. The EEF engineering employers, in their latest Business Trends, said that, after two years of slow but sure growth in the industry, engineering growth was now markedly slackening.

In a survey of almost 1,800 engineering companies, seasonally adjusted total output fell back from a net balance of 21 per cent of firms seeing output rising in the first three months of this year to only 6 per cent now — by far the slowest rate of growth for nine quarters.

Output actually fell in two key engineering regions, the West Midlands and the North West, leading the EEF to suggest that output nationally in the industry overall may well be negative in the coming quarter.

Graham Mackenzie, EEF director-general, acknowledged the fall-back but said engineering companies were suggesting that "the slackening in growth is no more than a pause".

Court case setback for Butte

By JASON NISSE

BUTTE Mining, which sold its last operating company three years ago, yesterday received a setback when the High Court threw out an action against Ernst & Young, the accountant, for £10 million. The news led to Butte's shares being suspended at 11½p.

David Lloyd-Jacob, Butte's chairman, said it would appeal against the ruling by Mr Justice Lightman and expect the appeal to be heard next year, along with a smaller related case Butte is pursuing against the firm.

Ernst & Young is claiming more than £1 million in unpaid fees from Butte.

The actions all relate to the flotation of Butte in 1987 and the purchase of three businesses at which deficiencies later surfaced. Butte called in the SFO, which has charged four people with fraud.

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Profit fears: Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, right, and Andrew Teare, chief executive

BT to create 1,000 jobs at Warrington centre

By ERIC REGULY

BRITISH TELECOM is to create 1,000 jobs at a new service centre in the north of England, one of its single biggest employment gains in recent years.

The centre, in Warrington, Cheshire, will open in January and will specialise in telemarketing. BT products from calling cards to discount packages, will be offered to customers over the phone. A

BT spokesman said: "Telemarketing is the single biggest sales channel we have."

The Warrington site will make BT one of the region's three biggest employers. It will require an investment of less than £10 million.

BT's overall employment is still declining, but at a much slower rate than in the early 1990s. The number peaked at 247,000 in 1989, and has since fallen to about 131,000.

□ New BT customers will no longer be required to leave cash deposits of £30 to £100 before a residential service can be started. Instead, BT and the customer will agree to individual spending ceilings for call charges. "It will avoid the nasty surprise of unexpectedly high phone bills," said Ian Morlett, BT director of network services.

Rank sees shares slip after warning

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

SHARES in Rank Organisation slumped 33p to 498p yesterday after the company said that profits in some key divisions had suffered in the first part of the year.

The City was especially worried by a 11 per cent fall in profits at Rank Xerox, the photocopier business, which Rank blamed on restructuring costs. There was also concern over profits in the film and television division, the company's second-biggest earner, which Rank said had fallen because of a decline in video prices.

Some analysts downgraded their profit forecasts after the trading statement, which covered the first five months of the year, but others pointed to the fact that Rank was weak early in the year.

Andrew Teare, chief executive, said that details of a full strategic review would be unveiled in August. Analysts are expecting a series of disposals to help to fund the recent £270 million Hard Rock Cafe buyout.

Mr Teare described the overall picture as satisfactory. Turnover had increased and profits were boosted by a £15 million R&D cost recovery of R&D costs in its precision industries division. Mr Teare added that he saw some signs of an improvement in consumer spending.

Sales in the leisure division increased but with lower margins. Profits were flat at Universal Studios Florida because of increased costs associated with the launch of new attractions. Bingo admissions continued to fall after a closure programme but there was an improvement in the spend.

Turnover at Rank's cafés increased just 2 per cent, but the company will open three new Hard Rock Cafes in the second half, after the £270 million purchase of the rest of the franchise earlier this month.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Financial services regulators get tough

FINANCIAL services regulators are determined to see results from the review of personal pensions mis-selling. Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, said yesterday, introducing the SIB's annual report, he described the review of past personal pensions business as "a complex programme of work on an unprecedented scale". There had been some progress, he said, "but the blunt truth is that we are not as close to a satisfactory outcome as we would have wished".

Sir Andrew added: "We and our fellow regulators have been working, and are continuing to work hard, with the wide range of parties involved to move things on. We are determined to see results. Where a firm fails to show the necessary willingness and competence to see the review through, we will expect regulators to bring disciplinary powers to bear."

Pan Am takes flight

PAN AMERICAN World Airways is to begin service between now and September from JFK Airport in New York to three US cities considered gateways to foreign destinations. The Miami airline acquired the logo from the now defunct US carrier of the same name for \$1.3 million in 1993. The original Pan Am, the first US airline, folded in 1991 after 64 years in the air. The new company also yesterday put the finishing touches on a marketing alliance with eight small and mid-sized international carriers.

Fyffes beats winter

COLD winter weather failed to chill profits at Fyffes, the fresh produce group. Interim pre-tax profits rose 16.8 per cent to £120.8 million. Sales rose 12 per cent to £150.1 million. Despite the poor weather in Europe, "our broad spread of fresh produce, the wide range of geographic markets in which we operate and our acquisitions have enabled us to continue our growth," said Neil McCann, chairman. The interim dividend is up by 10 per cent to 10.51p. The shares were unchanged at 107p.

EU concern over 'bug'

MARTIN BANGEMANN, the EU Industry Commissioner, will consult business and government experts about a computer programming bug that could cause havoc at the turn of the century. Herr Bangemann said he would investigate a problem that Ian Taylor, Britain's Science and Technology Minister, called a "millennium time bomb". The threat evolved because programmes use a two-digit format to show the year, making 1996 simply 96. At the turn of the century, computers will not recognise 00 or will treat it as 1900.

Ford to cut production

FORD is to halve production at its biggest UK plant on 13 separate days later in the year because of a declining export market for Fiesta vans. Workers at the Dagenham factory in Essex will only build cars and vans for four days a week when they return from the summer shutdown in August. Ford said the 5,000 workers at the body and assembly factories will still be paid full basic wages. The company said the slowdown was because of a declining market in southern Europe for the commercial version of the Fiesta.

Ideal Hardware falls 20p

SHARES in Ideal Hardware fell 20p to 603p yesterday, even though the data storage company reported a 28 per cent advance in pre-tax profits, to £7.8 million, for the year to May 3. Earnings rose 26 per cent, to 24.7p a share. A final dividend of 6.6p lifts the total 25 per cent to 10.8p. Turnover rose 35 per cent to £138 million. The company announced the acquisition of PTI, which manufactures data storage enclosures, for a maximum consideration in excess of £3 million, and Kinetix, which produces ideal's IT network broadcasts, for £300,000.

UK oil output ahead

UK OIL production increased slightly last month, reversing a six-month decline, according to figures released today. The increase was unexpected, since falls in production are normal in May as seasonal demand for oil declines and offshore operations begin summer maintenance schedules, said the Royal Bank of Scotland Oil and Gas Index. Oil production rose 0.2 per cent compared with April, to 2.44 million barrels per day, and also showed an increase on an annual basis of 1.5 per cent.

Lloyds bids verdict due

THE battle for Lloyds Chemists could shortly reignite. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is due to present its report into rival bids from Unichem, of Britain, and Gehe, of Germany, to the Department of Trade and Industry today for Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to deliver his verdict. The bids were referred in March because of concerns in UK pharmaceutical markets. Unichem owns 0.9 per cent of Lloyds, acquired in a dawn raid, while Gehe's offer is worth 500p a share. Lloyds' shares were unchanged at 484p yesterday.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Buys	Bank Buys	Bank Buys	Bank Buys
Australia \$	2.05	1.89	Maths. Gdr.	0.800	0.845
Austria Sch	17.55	16.05	New Zealand \$	0.700	2.255
Belgium Fr	51.23	47.03	Norway Kr.	2.1	3.75
Canada \$	2.20	2.10	Portugal Esc.	10.58	9.75
Cyprus Cyp.	0.757	0.702	S. Africa Rd.	220.50	284.00
Denmark Kr.	9.83	8.82	Spain Pes.	7.28	8.00
Egypt £	7.71	7.05	USA \$	50.00	50.00
France Fr.	8.95	7.77	Sweden Kr.	10.91	10.91
Germany DM	2.51	2.30	Switzerland Fr.	2.07	2.07
Greece Dr.	3.67	3.62	Turkey Lira	130.021	122.000
Hong Kong \$	12.57	11.37	USA \$	1.25	1.25
Iceland Kr.	1.02	0.94	Yuan	1.50	1.50
Italy Lira	5.33	4.68			
Japan Yen	247.11	231.16			
	162.70	160.70			

Refer for small denominations bank notes from Banker's Almanac. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates effective close of trading yesterday.

GROUPE PARIBAS

Public tender offer of Groupe Paribas for Compagnie Financière Ottomane

Groupe Paribas confirms its public tender offer for all of the shares and founders' shares in Compagnie Financière Ottomane (CFO), following completion of the sale by CFO of its 100% stake in Osmanli Bankasi to the Turkish group, Garanti Bankasi.

The tender offer will be carried out through a guaranteed price procedure, starting on 8 July 1996 and ending on 2 August 1996 inclusive. The price offered will be FRF 350 per ordinary share, FRF 402,660 per founder's share, and FRF 40,266 per 10th of a founder's share.

A prospectus to which an acceptance form will be attached, as well as a copy of a fairness opinion, will be available to all shareholders.

The goal of this public tender offer is to give holders of CFO shares and founders' shares the possibility of receiving the equivalent of the company's liquidities. It is the natural conclusion to several years' effort by Compagnie Financière Ottomane and Groupe Paribas to maximize the CFO's shareholders value.

Prior to the offer, Groupe Paribas holds 49.9% of CFO. Ordinary shares in CFO are listed on the Luxembourg, London and Paris stock exchanges.

COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE OTTOMANE

Compagnie Financière Ottomane announces that

the purchase of its affiliate Osmanli Bankasi by the Turkish group Garanti Bankasi, agreed on 1st April 1996 for a price of \$ 245 million, has been completed on 25th June 1996. No adjustment was made to the price after due diligence by the purchaser.

Following the sale, the value of Compagnie Financière Ottomane, on a liquidation basis, is estimated to be FRF 1,940 million as at 31st of May.

New law fuels talk of Mirror Group selling The People

By ERIC REGULY AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

THE final reading of the Broadcasting Bill in the Commons next week has prompted speculation that the Mirror Group will sell *The People* to cut the company's circulation so it can buy an ITV company.

The Bill will bar newspaper groups with more than 20 per cent of national circulation from taking control of a terrestrial television company. According to government figures, Mirror Group, whose titles include *The Daily Mirror* and the *Sunday Mirror*, has about 23 per cent of the national newspaper market.

Selling *The People*, a Sunday paper with circulation of just over two million, would cut Mirror Group's market share to about 20 per cent.

Mirror Group owns Live TV, the loss-making cable entertainment channel, and 20 per cent of Scottish Television and has made no secret of its desire to control a profitable

terrestrial television company.

It has been highly critical of restrictions placed on it by the Broadcasting Bill, due to be passed this summer.

Liberty Publishing, the company formed by the Fayed family, owners of Harrods, to diversify into print and electronic media, is one potential buyer of *The People*. Liberty is reviving *Punch* magazine, has bought the ailing Viva radio station in London and has tried to buy *The Observer* from Guardian Media Group. Liberty was not available for comment. Mirror Group said Liberty had made no approach. There has also been speculation that a new owner of *The People* might buy the *Daily Star* from United News & Media to form a seven-day operation.

Charles Wilson, Mirror Group deputy managing director, said: "There is absolutely no intention in our minds at the moment to sell anything."

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Unravelling the mess at Wickes Carlsberg-Tetley deal still some way off National Express hits the buffers

WHO is the highest paid chairman in non-food retailing? The answer is not the head of one of the huge high street multiples but Henry Sweetbaum at Wickes, the DIY chain. Or at least it was until Wednesday night.

Mr Sweetbaum's departure, coinciding almost to the minute with a better-publicised exit at Wembley, came once his position had been made untenable by news that large chunks of Wickes' profits were illusory. Mr Sweetbaum took home £1.2 million last year, although his actual salary was a more modest £26,000.

The difference came from benefits and, to the tune of £90,000, from bonuses and an incentive scheme. Some of those payments, quite clearly, must relate to profits that did not actually exist or the share price performance as influenced by such profits.

The profits overstatement came from taking onto the books rebates or other incentives from suppliers too early. Just how this happened, no one can say. It has no effect on the company's cash or viability at the trading level, and there is no evidence Mr Sweetbaum knew of it. What it does is bring forward some of next year's profits into this year.

Unclear, at this stage, is how much of earlier years' profits

were affected in the same way — and how these same illusory profits were then reflected in Mr Sweetbaum's pay and that of the rest of the board. A hit squad from Price Waterhouse went into Wickes yesterday, and some clue should be available next week.

Mr Sweetbaum may owe his former employer some money. How easy the amount would be to assess, whether he could be persuaded to repay it, and whether it would be worth while pursuing is a matter for another day. One difficulty is that while the bonus element is clearly related to profits, and can presumably be recalculated, the incentive scheme is linked to the share price.

But wait. Mr Sweetbaum is reserving his right to compensation for his departure. A sum of £1.25 million, it is whispered, might be due. This would have to be based on last year's pay, and it therefore follows as night follows day that it would be based on some of those profits that were not really there.

This looks like a defining moment in the whole remuneration debate. It is quite unacceptable

that Mr Sweetbaum should receive a penny out of shareholders' funds until it is clear exactly how much he is entitled to. The finance director of Wickes, Stuart Stradling, who initially blew the whistle, has indicated, honourably, that he will resign once the whole mess is cleared up, and without compensation.

The remaining directors should refuse Mr Sweetbaum, who was chairman and chief executive, note a penny until Price Waterhouse can say unequivocally how much he is owed or whether he owes the company. Then the negotiating should start in earnest.

Probably one for the silly season

THE summer silly season is almost upon us, and the financial pages' equivalent of the Loch Ness monster or corn circles, spotting the deal that will settle the fate of the Allied Domecq-Carlsberg joint brewing venture, is abroad again.

When the beast was last loose, the focus of the convoluted plot

was Bass's attempts to ensure a purchase cleared the regulatory authorities. The fear was that Bass might be blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission as the purchase of Carlsberg-Tetley would leave the company with around 40 per cent of the total UK beer market. Such worries now appear to have been exaggerated. The regulatory authorities look willing to accept the deal with a minimal amount of tweaking. Bass has offered to sell a couple of hundred pubs from its tied estate, mainly in some areas in the Midlands and the North, where it would have a virtual monopoly after the purchase. This is hardly onerous and would barely affect profits.

Bass's real problems lie with Carlsberg, the final member of the less than cosy trio. While Allied Domecq has been only too keen to sell its stake, its Danish partner remains reluctant.

The company is heavily reliant on sales in the UK and would be loath to lose the link with tied pubs that the Carlsberg-Tetley venture was set up to provide.

Carlsberg would also feel aggrieved if it were forced out of the venture because under the original terms of the deal the company bore a large part of the investment in return for guarantees that its beers would be part sold to a tied market. The deal was structured this way because Allied was then committed to brewing.

There are a number of solutions. Carlsberg could take a 10 to 15 per cent stake in Bass, or simply in Bass's brewing operations, which would provide some kind of protection. Equally, the Danish brewer could negotiate a long-term licensing agreement, of the kind that Heineken currently holds with Whitbread, to ensure it receives the necessary guarantees. But none of these

solutions can be regarded as straightforward. The Carlsberg-Tetley story still has another few episodes to run.

Derailed on the Midland Line

THERE were some angry commuters struggling to work in the capital yesterday, but few were quite as angry as the executives who run one of the most lucrative railways out of it. National Express was accusing the Department of Trade and Industry both of sticking the company up and of not warning them about it first.

This is unlikely. A profitable route like that is going to attract takers. More to the point is the convenience to passengers in having the sort of regional rail and coach monopolies that are inevitably emerging out of rail privatisation, because of the scope for integrating timetables and fare structures. Such monopolies will inevitably require tough regulation, but this is a better option than tying their hands at the start and then allowing the free market to rule.

Butte-y contest

STRANGE creature, Butte Mining. Known to insiders as "plucky little Butte", it ceased mining for anything years ago and is now an option money play on the vagaries of courts and lawyers. The trick for investors is to buy on the defeats and sell out as anticipation of a victory rises. The next twist looks like a reverse takeover, to allow the company some proper earnings to fund the court battles.

BPB aims to recover lost margins

By CARL MORTISHED

BPB, the plasterboard manufacturer, is expecting a recovery in margins after a year in which rising waste paper prices and the bad weather kept the lid on profits growth.

Underlying profits at the building materials group were flat at £168 million, in spite of a 7.5 per cent rise in turnover to £1.43 billion as the company attempted to recover lost margin with price rises.

Jean-Pierre Cuny, BPB's chief executive, said that he hoped to be able to introduce another price rise in the autumn. "If volumes hold we are



Cuny: early price rise likely

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Robert Fleming falls £40m

By ROBERT MILLER

ROBERT FLEMING, one of the City's largest private merchant banks, suffered a near-£40 million fall in annual profits to £133.5 million.

John Manser, group chief executive, said the drop was principally because of a £30 million decline in the contribution from Jardine Fleming and a £10 million exceptional item connected with the closure of the direct sales force at Save & Prosper, the group's retail unit trust arm.

Despite the fall, at least one of Fleming's senior executives earned in excess of £1 million in the year to March 31. The most highly rewarded are understood to include Bill Harrison, the former head of global investment banking who is to join BZW. His role has been divided between Bernard Taylor and Roddy Fleming.

Funds under management at Flemings, which raised its annual dividend to 22p a share against 20p last time, rose 28 per cent to a record £6 billion.

KW 'breached rules'

By ROBERT MILLER

KNIGHT WILLIAMS, the retirement income specialist that is in liquidation, was yesterday accused of widespread breaches of City rules, including the mis-selling of its investments to elderly investors by a leading City law firm.

A report prepared by Dibb Lupton Broomhead, the law firm acting for free on behalf of investors of the KW investors action group, alleged that KW consultants made promises that could not be fulfilled and

Telekom tie-up hope for Energis

By ERIC REGULY

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM, the monopoly phone company that is to be privatised by the German Government in the autumn, has emerged as a possible partner for Energis, the telecommunications carrier owned by the National Grid.

The Grid has been looking for a strategic partner or equity investor for Energis for some time. Deutsche Telekom, which wants to develop a large telecoms business in Britain, is among the suitors. AT&T, America's largest long-distance phone company, is also thought to be interested. AT&T proposed a partnership with Energis two years ago, but some of the Grid's owners, the 12 regional electricity companies, rejected the offer.

Energis needs a partner or equity investor to reverse its fortunes. Revenues climbed almost ten-fold in the past financial year, to £42 million, but the company reported an operating loss of £73 million.

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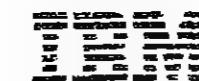
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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Boots spends £300m to buy back 5.3% stake

BOOTS, the chemist, has splashed out almost £300 million of hard-earned cash buying back its own shares to enhance shareholder value.

NatWest Securities, the company's broker, waded into the market-place with the instruction to pick up a total of 51.36 million shares, or 5.3 per cent, at 580p each.

The share buyback had been completed by the close of business, with a total of 101.8 million shares changing hands. It stretches the amount spent by Boots on buying back its own shares during the past couple of years to £808 million.

During a similar exercise in November 1994, the group spent £508 million buying 96.1 million, or 9.2 per cent, of its own shares for cancellation. This latest buyback will have made a large dent in its cash resources, which at the last count stood at £640 million.

Earlier this month, Boots took on the entire loss-making business of Do It All, allowing W H Smith, its partner in the venture, to bail out after making substantial provisions. Boots closed last night 1p easier at 580p compared with its high for the year of 646p. The move by Boots focused attention on Great Universal Stores, where talk of a share buyback has been doing the rounds for some time. At the last count, the group was sitting on funds of £1.3 billion. The shares rose 6p to 653p.

It was not just the tube and postal workers on strike yesterday: investors were also staging their own withdrawal of labour, leaving the equity market to fend for itself. Share prices were marked lower from the outset, although they closed above their lowest levels despite an opening fall of more than 30 points in the Dow Jones industrial average.

The FT-SE 100 index wiped out the previous day's gains to close 16.7 points down at 3,678.8, with turnover of 766.8 million shares bolstered by that Boots buyback.

A combination of strong US buying and revived bid speculation lifted Zeneca 20p to £14.15, although in New York the price was trading a full 20p higher. In London, there was a revival of suggestions that a bid may soon be on the way, prompted by one investor giving the call for 200 contracts in the October 1500 series. This would indicate that the share price is expected



Boots dipped 1p as 102 million shares changed hands

to go sharply better over the next few months.

Full-year figures from Asda, Britain's fourth largest supermarket chain, lived up to expectations, with pre-tax profits growing from £252 million to £304.6 million. The group dismissed suggestions that it might follow the lead of rivals Tesco and J Sainsbury by introducing a loyalty card

Read International, the publishing group, was left licking its wounds last night after a visit to the company by institutional shareholders. They were clearly not impressed with what the company had to say. The shares finished 25p lower at £10.67 as 1.7 million changed hands.

in all its stores. Instead, it intends to concentrate on lower prices for its customers. The shares finished 4p lower, at 114p, with some brokers urging clients to switch into rival Argos, owner of the Safeway supermarket chain, up 5p to 345p.

Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits of around £450 million for the full year. They take the view that turnover

from Cellnet, the mobile telephone network owned jointly with BT, rising by only 7 per cent. This, combined with £4 million of provisions, left profits virtually static. Cellnet's disappointing performance also hit Orange, its rival, 7p down at 223.4p.

Rank Organisation was marked lower first thing following its latest trading state-

ment Andrew Teare, the new chief executive, said that turnover was up 6 per cent, but that profits in certain areas were being held back. The City and this was reflected in the price, which finished 33p lower at 498p.

Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits of around £450 million for the full year. They take the view that turnover

is likely to be bad news for longer-dated issues and would probably result in a further steepening of the yield curve. In the futures pit, the September oil contract in thin trading that saw only 27,000 contracts completed. In longs Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost 1.5p to 97.1p, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was five ticks off at £102.15.

□ **NEW YORK:** Continuing concern over interest rates and corporate earnings saw shares mixed on Wall Street and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 26.23 points lower at 5,656.47.

□ **RANK ORGANISATION:** FALTERING TO IMPRESS

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THE TIMES
CITY DIARY

Tarry has no time to wait

EUROTUNNEL was apoloising again yesterday after a Eurostar train taking shareholders, City analysts and journalists to its annual meeting in Paris broke down.

Henry Kissinger, former US Secretary of State, and composer Jean Michel Jarre, were among the frustrated travellers on board the hapless train that "ran out of electricity", coming to an abrupt halt an hour outside the French capital.

Ticket-holders were kept waiting for two hours at the side of the track, until two TGVs were sent to their rescue.

Eventually, the press arrived about three hours late at the Eurotunnel meeting.

Chris Tarry, a passenger and Kleinwort Benson transport analyst, certainly didn't live up to his name. The dedicated Mr Tarry was last seen scrambling over a wire fence in an effort to hail a taxi for the last leg of his nightmarish journey.

BRUNO SCHRODER has his eye on a £2,500 statue on display at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. But he tells me the bronze is out of his reach — it has already been sold. The Schroders director picked out the "moderately" priced statue of an old man with a dog on his lap while rubbing shoulders with Sir Bob Reid, the chairman of London Electricity, Peter Ellwood, the deputy chief executive at Lloyds TSB, and Earl Limerick, the chairman of De La Rue, at a reception this week to celebrate the 70th birthday of A T Kearney, the management consultant.



The mainline train now arriving at platform one may be referred to the MMC*

Victory muesli

THE Landmark Hotel was mollycoddling the German football team yesterday. After being served complimentary champagne, courtesy of the hotel's German general manager, the team were served a celebratory breakfast fit for a star, supermodel. Forty-eight chefs were woken at 4am to prepare a "special" muesli made with yoghurt, hazelnuts, and oatmeal. What's more, the menu was printed on yellow cards.

Ideal blow

JAMES WICKES, chief executive of Ideal Hardware, the computer products distributor, made an unusual apology to his institutional shareholders at a presentation in London yesterday. After indulging in some sumo wrestling at the weekend, the unusually named Johann Konrad Zeno Maria Julian Goess-Saurau, a non-executive director and co-founder of Ideal, couldn't make it. He was at home recovering from concussion.

ASDA is making the most of the ever decreasing Yorkshire water. The supermarket will soon be selling bottles of the precious commodity from Yorkshire Water's rival Pennine spring in Huddersfield. Priced at 39p for a two-litre bottle, the label will carry the warning "While stocks last".

MORAG PRESTON



Quasimodo celebrates being crowned 'king of fools' in a scene from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, the Disney studio's latest box-office success

Disney kingdom loses some of its once indelible magic

Richard Thomson on a rift running through an exalted Hollywood studio

its profits slipped badly. Ovitz is the man charged with turning this disaster around.

But so far he has had little effect on ABC's ratings, although he alienated several key executives by bringing outsiders into senior positions. Several of the appointments made good sense, but the way that they were carried out — often without giving warning to existing Disney executives whose jobs would be affected — has caused bitterness.

This is typical of what some employ-

ees say is Ovitz's autocratic style. He tries to run Disney the way he ran CAA, unaware that in such a big corporation he does not wield the same authority and that treading on the toes of powerful subordinates tends to weaken his own position.

For example, Joe Roth, head of the film studio division, is one of the more powerful heads of Disney's several fiefdoms that Ovitz has upset recently. To mollify Roth, his powers were extended to cover TV as well as to annoy executives in that area.

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Michael Eisner, left, with Michael Ovitz at the studios in Burbank



Michael Eisner, left, with Michael Ovitz at the studios in Burbank

BUSINESS LETTERS

Bus transport needs better standards, less regulation

From the Director Public Affairs, CPT

Sir, No, for heaven's sake, not another level of bureaucracy. Please, not yet another industry regulator (Pennington, June 19).

Anyhow, why does the bus industry need a regulator? If he is to control fares and service frequencies, then you are proposing re-regulation root and branch.

And why the rail regulator? Because so many rail franchises are being awarded to bus groups? Buses and trains are not the same, you know.

Body Shop position is disappointment

From Anne Simpson

Sir, The Body Shop doth protest too much. Pirc does not "accuse". Rather we observe in our report to shareholders that the company does not comply with the Cadbury and Greenbury codes of best practice.

Low levels of interest rates are creating a new impoverished class

From Mr Stanley Lerner

Sir, When interest rates were a punitive 17 per cent in the early 1990s businessmen would have gone down on their knees for more modest levels, say, 10 per cent.

The Government has, over the past few years, reduced the rate to nearly half of that rate, and yet the "feel-good" factor is still not with the majority of the people. What will happen if the rate is reduced to zero, and there is still no major recovery?

The constant reductions in interest rates are now creating a new class of impoverished people, namely those who are thrifty and saved so as

to provide adequate checks and balances on the board. Body Shop has two.

Greenbury states clearly that executives should not sit on the remuneration committee. At Body Shop the chairman and the chief executive (the Rodricks) sit on the committee which establishes executive pay.

The Body Shop's excuse for not complying is their (now

dropped) plan for taking the company private. However, the Cadbury code predates these discussions by several years (the Cadbury report being published in December 1992).

The Body Shop also points to its use of "advisors" to recommend pay for the executives. Advice is always useful, but this does not undermine Greenbury's point.

Remuneration committees cannot be viewed as independent if executives are members.

Body Shop's defence concludes with the comment "the number of non-executives has not historically been shown to guarantee the best interests of shareholders".

I wonder where the evidence lies for this claim? If Body Shop really believes this, why is the company planning to recruit a third non-executive? What value does it place on the current two? I look forward to hearing more.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD A. BAKER
SFA tribunal 'has yet to hear' Barings case

From Mr Ronald A. Baker

Sir, It has been reported in your newspaper (June 27) and others that I have been banned for three years from working in the City by the Securities and Futures Authority. This is not correct.

The SFA has preferred charges against me and has

suggested an SFA registration ban if those charges are found valid. I am currently contesting the charges and the SFA tribunal has yet to hear the case.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD A. BAKER

British Gas prepared for MMC

From the Deputy Chairman, British Gas

Sir, We were interested to read in your article ("TransCo controls delayed", June 26) that "Ms Spottiswoode's apparent optimism (that an MMC reference could be avoided) could be borne of a... belief that British Gas is afraid of the MMC tabling more severe suggestions". If an MMC inquiry is necessary, then we are wholly confident in the case we would submit to that inquiry.

We were, however, interested to read that "Ofgas yester-

day said that the announcement would be made late next month as it economists needed extra time to consider the British Gas response". Ofgas's delay might be reviewed in the context of its latest reason (*Utility Week*, June 21) for not revealing for scrutiny the consultants' reports on which its proposals were based. "Ofgas says it is not making the information available because the gas giant would delay matters with line-by-line rebuttals".

Ofgas's delay clearly creates time to check these reports and our request to review them still stands.

Yours faithfully,
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Mystical coincidence

From Bruce Jackson

Sir, Kenneth Clarke (Business, June 13) is shown smoking his cigar, the headline being "Clarke upbeat over economic prospects". In the books section of the same issue, Carl Jung is also shown smoking a cigar with the caption "Carl Jung: mystical voyager". Is one to draw any conclusion from this juxtaposition?

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE JACKSON,
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Great Shefford,
Hungerford,
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Letters to the Business and Finance section of The Times can be sent by fax on 0171-782 5112.

Old-fashioned bank counts on new money

Jon Ashworth finds wealthy nerds are edging out the aristocrats at Coutts

Coutts & Co. banker to the Queen, bastion of frock-coated discretion, is embarking on a frighteningly modern strategy. In a move that will set jewel-studded fingers trembling with horror, Coutts has decided to put the squeeze on its run-of-the-mill clients — those with only the odd-thousand to spare — and focus on those with the occasional million. The wealthiest few are to be invited to combine all their services — tax advice, stockbroking, fund management — under one roof. Lack of ancestral home is no obstacle.

Coutts, founded in 1692, and banker to the royal family since the reign of George III, is now owned by NatWest, but has largely retained its autonomy. From Monday, the bank's private banking operations will be reorganised into 30 teams, each headed by a client relationship manager (a bank manager to anyone else), and handling 75-100 clients each. About 170 jobs will be lost, mostly in the back office, to

full details of each cheque. Now, ever so subtly, Coutts is concentrating its resources on the money that counts. Herschel Post, chief executive of Coutts & Co., insists that those customers who only require a cheque book and overdraft will be welcome to stay. But it is the big account holders who are likely to attract attention. A spokesman says: "The idea is to offer a full range of financial services in one place."

Banking competitors are more pointed. "This sounds like the 20-80 principle," says one. "20 per cent of clients are 'fat cats'; 80 per cent they want 'out', but are too gentlemanly to say so. There's an element of asking the rich to point the finger at the poor."

Most high street banks are experimenting with electronic techniques spanning personal computers, telephones and the Internet. NatWest is conducting trials in interactive TV banking. Coutts says it is alert to such trends, but adds: "Some still want old-fashioned attention to duty." Coutts has attempted to shake up its image before. In 1991, it wrote to clients: "We are giving great attention to reducing still further the number of customers looked after by each manager and his team." At least one rallied to the cause — by changing banks.

Two years ago, David Went, chief executive of Coutts Group, which embraces Coutts's worldwide operations, announced plans to take Coutts "upmarket" and make it "a proper private bank". Mr Went spoke of the need to focus on managing assets for wealthy individuals, as opposed to the more basic demands of retail banking. By the turn of the century, he speculated, customers might well require a minimum of £500,000 to qualify for Coutts's services.

One only hopes that Coutts has updated its books before summoning clients for that glass of dry sherry. A few years ago, the bank forwarded tax forms to a client, with the postscript: "I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me know the date of Sebastian's birth, since it is quite likely the inspector will want to know this." The client replied that there was unlikely to be a problem as Sebastian was a basset-hound.

DIRECT Savings

RATES OF INTEREST

Effective from 28th June 1996

	Gross % p.a.	Net equivalent % p.a.
Direct Premium Account		
Annual Interest	4.50	3.80
£1,000 - £9,999	4.95	3.98
£10,000 - £24,999	5.20	4.18
£25,000 +		
Monthly Income		
£10,000 - £24,999	4.80	3.84
£25,000 +	5.00	4.00
Direct Notice Account (no longer available to new accounts)		
Annual Interest	4.85	3.88
£1,000 - £9,999	5.20	4.16
£10,000 - £24,999	5.45	4.36
Monthly Income		
£10,000 - £24,999	5.00	4.00
£25,000 +	5.25	4.20
Direct 60 Account		
Annual Interest	5.40	4.32
£5,000 - £14,999	5.85	4.68
£15,000 - £29,999	6.10	4.88
£30,000 +		
Monthly Income		
£15,000 - £29,999	5.65	4.52
£30,000 +	5.85	4.68
Direct 90 Account (no longer available to new accounts)		
Annual Interest	6.00	4.80
£15,000 - £29,999	6.40	5.12
£30,000 +		
Monthly Income		
£15,000 - £29,999	5.80	4.64
£30,000 +	6.20	4.96
Direct Preference TESSA* (no longer available to new accounts)		
£3,001 - £8,999	6.25**	-
£9,000 +	6.75**	-

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Profits by Yates and Pelican to fuel expansion

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

TWO of Britain's fast-growing restaurant and wine bar chains announced a sharp rise in profits yesterday, and plans for further expansion.

Yates Brothers Wine Lodges, the drinks retailer, is looking to expand into the south of England. Since the year-end the company has opened a further four wine lodges, with another seven scheduled in the remainder of this year.

Yesterday, the company unveiled a 46 per cent rise in profits to £7.5 million before tax. Turnover increased by 14 per cent, to £61.2 million.

The results were driven by a strong performance from the company's newly opened outlets which helped to boost total retail operating profits by 30 per cent, to £8.7 million.

The wholesaling division performed less successfully, in spite of an improvement in the second half, and profits fell by a quarter to £14.4 million.

Capital expenditure more than doubled to £17.5 million and is expected to increase to £27 million this year. Gearing increased to 24 per cent and the company anticipates that it will increase to 50 per cent by the end of this year.

The total dividend was increased by 20 per cent, to 3.6p. A final dividend of 2.4p is payable on August 27. Shares in the company fell 3p, to close at 385p.

The Pelican Group, which owns and operates 100 restaurants, including the French Caf^e Rouge and Dome chains, lifted profits to £7.5 million, from £4.1 million, in the year to March 31. Earnings were 7.5p a share (4.9p). The total dividend is increased to 2p, from 1.5p, with a 1.35p final. But the shares fell 11.5p to 144p yesterday.

Roger Myers, chairman, said the expansion programme for the current year involved an opening almost every two weeks.



Peter Dickson, managing director of Yates Brothers Wine Lodges, which is seeking to expand in the South after a sharp rise in profits last year

Lockheed asks for time to make improved bid for RAF contract

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Ministry of Defence has been asked to delay a decision on a £2 billion replacement for the RAF's 25 ageing Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft to allow Lockheed Martin to prepare a cheaper and more comprehensive bid.

In a new proposal submitted to the MoD, Lockheed Martin has presented the option of a partnership with one of its rival bidders, the US Senate Armed Services Committee, to sell the Orion aircraft to the RAF.

Lockheed Martin, teamed with GEC-Marconi, Hunting

Engineering and other UK companies, is offering a new aircraft, the Orion 2000, which, it claims, will have huge export potential. Britain would be the first customer for the new Orion, although the US Defence Department is expected to buy the aircraft at a later stage.

Sam Nunn, chairman of the US Senate Armed Services Committee, has written to Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, recommending the new Orion. He said there would be mutual benefits for

Britain and the US. However, an MoD committee recently recommended to ministers that they should choose a cheaper option, a refurbished Nimrod made by British Aerospace, with Boeing supplying the crucial mission systems. The contract is due to be decided next week.

The other option still on the table is for Loral, in partnership with Marshalls, the Cambridge aircraft developers, and Shorts Brothers of Belfast, to refurbish old American Orion P3s, currently stored in an Arizona desert depot by the US defence department.

Lockheed Martin recently took over Loral, but the two rival bids have been kept apart by the usual "Chinese walls" system.

However, the Loral option is considered unlikely to win the RAF contract, and the new proposal delivered to the MoD is that Lockheed Martin and its new subsidiary, Loral, get together to offer a joint management scheme for the Orion 2000, with potential cost cuts arising from using the facilities at Marshalls and at other British firms involved in the refurbished Orion option. The existing Loral bid would remain open.

Lockheed Martin has also told the MoD that it will guarantee a 10 per cent stake for British companies in its bid for the American Joint Strike Fighter contract. Lockheed Martin is bidding against other American companies, such as Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, for the aircraft, which may also be bought by the Royal Navy.

ED & F Man raises payout

By ROBERT MILLER

SHAREHOLDERS in ED & F Man, the agricultural products to financial services group, were rewarded for their patience yesterday when the annual dividend, payable on September 3, was lifted by 5 per cent to 10.1p a share after the half-yearly payout had been pegged at last year's 3.2p.

Profits at ED & F Man, whose agricultural areas include the sugar, molasses and alcohol markets, were up 4 per cent to £81 million in the year to

March 31. The group said a strong second-half in the agricultural sector, both from cross-border trading and activities in processing, transportation, storage and local distribution had made significantly increased contributions to profits. Cocoa's contribution, however, was down on the previous year mainly because of reduced margins.

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■ THEATRE 1
Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* wears its years lightly in a fine new West End staging



■ THEATRE 2
...while, at the Barbican, Euripides wears his millennia well in a strong RSC staging



■ MUSIC 1
The Spitalfields Festival presents intriguing new works by Judith Weir and Anthony Payne



■ MUSIC 2
The pianist Murray Perahia is in gloriously fluent form for his wide-ranging London recital

THEATRE: The stars have aged, but Neil Simon's elderly comedy is still fresh; plus a bleak Greek

Men behave badly well

One of his country's foremost critics has weirdly opined that if Neil Simon "were to overcome his inhibitions and slouch knee-deep in the American middle-class tragedy, he might well go to the seafloor beneath that oiled walnut surface". Well, there isn't much sloshing or tragedy or Atlantic floor evident in *The Odd Couple*, and that is fine by me. Even the woman behind me who spent the evening laughing like a parakeet on LSD — these mixed metaphors and similes are catching — was not enough of a nuisance to prevent me enjoying a play that wears its 30 years lightly.

Oiled walnut surface does not seem quite fair either. There is basically one idea in *The Odd Couple*, but it is solid enough to sustain a couple of diverting hours. A play you expect to be a jolly buddy-comedy rapidly turns into a parody of heterosexual married strife, with one buddy taking the role of the messy, sullen husband and the other that of the tidy, nagging wife. If you think of Walter Matthau behaving sloppily and Jack Lemmon priggishly, as they did in the film version, you will get the picture.

Here Jack Klugman is Oscar, whose wife has divorced him because he is chaotic and selfish, and Tony Randall is Felix, whose wife proposes to divorce him because he is neurotically fussy and interfering. That two such different men should be friends at all seems unlikely, and that Oscar should give house-room to Felix is even more so; but Simon does what he can to lessen our disbelief. Both belong to the same poker school, and the camaraderie of the game dictates that the one gives succour to the other, especially as the other parades his suicidal tendencies as flamboyantly as black feathers at a funeral.

The Odd Couple
Haymarket

Most of the comedy comes after Felix has rid the apartment of its flung-about laundry and thrown-around papers, and done his stuff with the vacuum cleaner and air-freshener. But it is what follows that makes Oscar's nerves, already frayed, definitely snap.

A supper party for the pretty English sisters living next door reduces Felix, who has volunteered to cook, to a flouncing, self-pitying, guilt-mongering male harridan. Oscar's erotic plans for Gwendolyn and Cecily, as Simon calls the guests in clear tribute to Wilde, fall flat; but not before the incongruities of the situation have provoked plenty of laughter even among the non-parakeets in the audience.

Fiona Hendley and Sarah Payne twitter away Kensington-style, and Rodney Bewes, Henry McGee and others drop one-liners over the card-table in their best Manhattan mode. Both Randall and Klugman — who actually replaced Matthau as Oscar in the original Broadway production and, with Randall, was in *The Odd Couple* TV series — are too old for their roles, and Klugman has problems with his vocal cords that sometimes make him less comprehensible than he might be; but there is a lot right with their interpretations.

Klugman catches the deliberate boorishness of one kind of impossible husband, and Randall the obsessive brightness of a more hands-on and, he suggests, more manipulative example of the species. Either way, one suspects that the real heroes of the piece are two characters we never meet: the wives who had the good sense to throw them out.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



"A play you expect to be a jolly buddy-comedy rapidly turns into a parody of heterosexual married strife": Jack Klugman as Oscar the slob and Tony Randall as the pernickety Felix in *The Odd Couple*

No excess baggage for brothers in arms

This late play by Euripides was first produced when Athens was besieged and the long war against Sparta had moved irreversibly in favour of the besiegers. Whether Euripides hoped to persuade his fellow

citizens to sue for peace is impossible to tell, but in his version of the feud between the sons of Oedipus he creates a darkly vivid picture of the consequences of fratricidal war. "Mounds of dead," says the First Messenger, "Pools of

blood," adds the Second. The brothers slay each other; their mother stabs herself; sister and sundry cousins are not long for this world. The end is as bleak as anything Euripides wrote because even the closing lines, thought to be

DONALD COOPER

spurious, offer no hope for a better future, and those that precede them point to further disasters ahead. Possibly the Phoenician women, trapped inside the walls of Thebes, will escape being raped by conquering Argives but that is the last will offier.

Kate Mitchell's strong and absorbing production from last year's Stratford is more audience-friendly in the basin-like Pit than on the level floor of the Other Place. Her setting is in her favourite colour — black — with candles glimmering in front of three Cycladic statues. Polyneices, the son who starts off with a just grievance, wears armour and a sword, but nobody else comes encumbered with any possessions at all. Everything is pared down, and the more impressive for that, though

The Chorus utter their Phoenician ululations in unison but are otherwise presented as individuals even to the point of being allotted names in the programme. Mitchell generally groups them in small clusters towards the rear but then breaks up the pattern, spreading them across the stage in the most realistic attitudes of alertness and concern.

Lorraine Ashbourne's anguished Jocasta, disturbingly scarred up and down both arms, welcomes Dermot Kerrigan's Polyneices with so keen a passion, such a multitude of kisses, that the memory of this comforting love persists through the play as the desired alternative to all the harsh edits and hatreds elsewhere expressed. Lucy Whybrow movingly shows Antigone's forced growth from innocence to grim-faced resolve and independence.

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Suffice it to say that Perahia was in gloriously fluent form: fluent at times, perhaps, to the point of overdrive, where admiration was confirmed rather than understanding and perceptions challenged.

His Scarlatti is an unfailing delight. In Sonatas K491, K247 and K212, he found three distinctive masks of the composer: serenader; conversationalist; virtuoso. Percussive

HILARY FINCH



Bleak outlook: the unfortunate women of Thebes face grim predictions for their future in Katie Mitchell's spare production of Euripides' *The Phoenician Women*

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WHILE the Nordic Music Season makes its discreet progress through mainland Britain, Orkney has witnessed something little short of an invasion. Hilary Finch writes. The Danish Navy arrived in Kirkwall harbour on an exercise just as the St Magnus Festival was beginning: a maverick Danish trombonist blasted his way into the cathedral; the Arhus Sinfonietta settled itself into the little grey town of the Norwegian ears; and an Icelandic rock band, Gammaur, took over the festival club.

The trombonist brought with him an organist: together Neils-Ole Johanson and Ulrich Sprang-Hanssen form Embedsmandsduoen, or the Civil Service Duo, and, while their appearance and manner certainly lives up to that promise, their music-making, thank goodness, does not.

They regaled a sedate midday audience with pieces from all five Nordic countries. The most impressive was Icelandic Asker Masson's *Kadenza for solo trombone*, which exploited everything the instrument could possibly do, and more, in an audacious piece whose basis in Gregorian chant gave it a boldly expressive coherence. I also enjoyed another chant-based work, Norwegian Egil Hovland's complex and eclectic *Cantus V* for trombone and organ.

ST MAGNUS FESTIVAL

Meanwhile, as the midnight sun rose from the day's unremitting gloom, the lights in St Magnus's long sandstone nave were dimmed for a rare performance of Peter Maxwell Davies's *Tenebrae super Gesualdo*, the four meditations for ensemble, originally written for the Fires of London, and now played graphically by members of the Arhus Sinfonietta, complete with the original, alternating choral fragments of Gesualdo's *O vos omnes*. Even the composer had never heard a complete performance before — and was clearly impressed by the richly coloured voices of Orkney's Mayfield Singers, echoing from the west end of the nave.

The Sinfonietta, conducted by Soren Hansen, also brought with it Karl Aage Rasmussen's violin concerto, *Sinking through the Dream Mirror*, a true ensemble work, spangled with some beguiling formal and instrumental ideas, but overextended; and the Finnish composer Kaja Saariaho's *Lichtbogen* for chamber orchestra and electronics, an eloquent aural transcription of her experience of the Northern Lights, and now something of a classic in contemporary Nordic writing.

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OSCAR PETERSON: The man who won the Oscar in London. The concert, part of the City of London Festival, sees him reunited with the great Danish bassist Niels-Henning Ørsted-Pedersen, British drummer Mannie Drew, and guitarist Lenny White. Barbican Centre, Silbury St, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tomorrow, 8pm. £6.

JOHN SWANSON: Interesting sounding chamber play by P. O. Endicott (author of *The Hour of the Lynd* about Hans Christian Andersen's misguided longing for fame) as a reminder. Nunn Bush, 100 New Bond St, 1st floor, 4 led by Jason Moran as HCA. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-929 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. £6.

ELSEWHERE

QUEEN'S OWN: This weekend the Jacobean menu is back to a programme of Mozart and Britten. Tonight, 7.30pm. David Firth has made the second performance of *Iphigenia in Aulis* with a further performance at the same time on Sunday night. Tomorrow (8pm), offers another

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opportunity to enjoy Britten's comic opera, *Albert Herring*. Garsington Opera, Oxford OX4 9DH (01865 361 585).

GLASGOW: First night of the Glasgow Jazz Festival. A varied programme includes the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Royal Concert Hall (tonight, 7.30pm). McCoy Tyner Trio with Michael Brecker or McEvans' Old Fruit Market (tomorrow, 7.30pm). Also at the Free Fringe (tonight, 7.30pm) is the Ray Brown Trio. Festival Box Office (0141-227 5511).

MANCHESTER: Euro '96 extravaganza with the popular string group Simply Red to mark the European Football Championship. Old Trafford, Peel Park (0161-227 2000). Tonight, 8pm. £10.

Also in Manchester, last ever concert by the Hallé Orchestra in the Free Trade Hall, home of the orchestra since 1858, before its conversion into a luxury hotel. Kent Nagano conducts a farewell programme including works by Sibelius,

Handel, Elgar, Brahms and Wagner. Free Hall, Peter Street, M1 5BT (0161-834 7129). Saturday, 9.30pm. £5.

MAMSTHORPE: Last chance for classical music lovers to come and enjoy five classical matins against the backdrop of one of the most romantic castles in the land. In the first of two concerts Cal Dave conducts the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra with the Brighton Festival Chorus in a selection of works by Haydn, Brahms, Grieg, Mozart and Gershwin. Canons and fireworks bring the evenings to a dramatic climax. Next concert on 7 June, Leeds Castle, Kent (01622 889008). Tomorrow (gates open, 4pm; start of concert, 8pm).

LONDON GALLERIES

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National (Coventry), South Bank, SE1 (0171-929 1700). Tonight, 7.30pm; mat. Sat, 8pm.

THE OLD COUPLE: After touring North America, the comedy team of Ken Kragen and Randy Rand bring Harvey and Margaret to Britain. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-408 2431). Tonight, 7.30pm. £10. Mat. Sat, 8pm.

THE TEMPEST: English Comedy Club (0171-929 0800). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mat. Sun, 9pm. £10.

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STANLEY: Involving Pam Gema solo, with Anthony Sher a palerous Stanley Spaceman, inspired by Cocteau,

SW1 (0171-790 1748). Tonight-Wed, 11.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm.

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IT was a very laid-back Elvis Costello who waltzed onstage at the National Stadium in Dublin and picked up his acoustic guitar, kicking off a two-hour set with an unaccompanied *Just About Glad* from 1994's back-to-basics album, *Brutal Youth*. A few numbers passed before the Attractions came on midway through *Oliver's Army* and, from there on, the flashy keyboard workouts of Steve Nieve and the rock-solid rhythm section of Pete and Bruce Thomas provided the backbone to a performance that was duly satisfying, if not quite exceptional.

Elvis Costello
Dublin

This was partly the fault of the somewhat dour venue and partly because of the distraction caused by the England-Germany football match, which was being screened in the "ringside bar", so it was not surprising Costello found it difficult to get into his stride. Of course by the time he begins his residency at London's Shepherds Bush on July 5, this won't be an issue.

On this night we were treated to a generous selection of songs from his current album, *All This Useless Beauty*. Particular standouts included the title track, *The Other End of the Telescope*, and *Poor Fractured Atlas*. But it was not until the electric charge of *Pump It Up* that the subdued audience sprang to life. Costello leaped nimbly through his back pages, even transforming a new song, *Distorted Angel*, into a medley of *This Year's Model* and *I Don't Want To Go To Chelsea*. The sublime *Alison* closed the show, sending the Euro 96 buffs back to their videos well and truly contented.

NICK KELLY



A quick one while they are all together: Roger Daltrey, now 52, has never really reconciled himself to the break-up of the Who — "It frustrated me to death that Pete resigned when he did"

Talking about regeneration

The Who's singer Roger Daltrey tells Paul Sexton about reviving *Quadrophenia* in front of 150,000 people in Hyde Park tomorrow

Last tomorrow afternoon in Hyde Park, the Who and supporting cast — we are politely asked to use the collective "Pete Townshend and Friends" — will remake a moment of rock history. And an expected crowd of 150,000 will ponder if their performance of the band's 1973 album *Quadrophenia* can be anything but a footnote to the career of a rock 'n' roll colossus that will not quite die.

At the MasterCard Masters Of Music Concert for the Prince's Trust, Townshend is reviving his complex musical depiction of Jimmy, the 1960s adolescent struggling for self-awareness in the mod playground of Brighton. The occasion will evoke nostalgia for the early days of the Who themselves, so closely is Jimmy's story interwoven with that of the band itself.

The event marks Townshend's first performance with John Entwistle and Roger Daltrey since the Who's twenty-fifth anniversary tour in 1989. And Daltrey is straining at the leash. "It's still magical music," he says during a break in rehearsals. "That's one thing that never ceases to amaze me about Who music. I love so many bands, but when you hear Who music, it's not like anything else."

Daltrey, who at 52 has the physique of a very fit man 15 years younger, is revelling in celebrating again a piece of Who heritage, even if the band name does not appear on the bill. "Course it's the bloody 'oo," he splutters. John calls it Ted: Townshend, Entwistle, Daltrey. Pete's got a problem with the Who, and I haven't. I'm very proud of working for 25 years building up the name of one of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll bands."

This and subsequent *Quadrophenia* performances, including six shows at Madison Square Garden next month, afford the opportunity to make up for the Who's abortive

performances of the album in 1974. "We were dealing with technology which wasn't up to our ambitions," says Daltrey. "You had to put all the synthesizer tracks on to a tape machine and play to click tracks. For Keith Moon it was complete hell, because he wasn't that kind of drummer. Plus the piece does need a narrator if you're going to do it on stage." That role will be filled tomorrow by Phil Daniels, the star

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of the 1979 film of the piece.

The charity that will benefit from the London show provides motivation of its own. "The Prince's Trust is a fantastic charity," says Daltrey. "A young person who wants to be a hairdresser but can't afford to buy his scissors can go to the Prince's Trust and it'll teach him about putting a business plan forward. If he then earns enough, he pays back the trust. The number of people it's helped is unreal."

After seven years, Daltrey is returning to centre stage in the most public way. "I'm just going to enjoy it. It's hard, though. I sang this piece 25 years ago, and some of those top notes are high Cs, full voice. But I've never really cared about notes. I much prefer a bum note and a bead of sweat to something so cool that you're falling asleep."

His vision that Townshend called time on the Who as a recording entity after 1982's poorly received *It's Hard* is still close to the surface. "It frustrated me to death

that Pete resigned when he did. Who music was probably the first really ballsy rock'n'roll music with a writer with the courage and the ability to write through his life. For me, the problems of middle-age are far more interesting, and much more difficult, to write about, and I always felt that with Pete writing for the Who we would have been the ultimate band addressing that part of our lives."

But he adds: "I was very reluctant to do this, it wasn't an easy decision. I would like the Who to go on, but I don't want it to be the same. If you asked me to go and play a Who's greatest-hits tour, like the 1989 tour, I would say no. We've got something better within us."

With the band's demise in the early 1980s, Daltrey developed his acting career and, reluctantly, his solo recording. His image as country squire and salmon-farm owner is now almost as familiar as that of the microphone-swinging, bubble-haired rock figurehead on the newly released video *Listening to You*, from the Who's performance at the 1970 Isle of Wight Festival. "I love living in the country," he says defiantly of his other life. "I don't use it as a dormitory, I live there. I'm very proud of it."

Proud, and grateful. "That's what's kept me sane," he says. "I could have really easily gone off the rails. I was at the Hard Rock in Las Vegas, and on the screen in the bar were all these people I knew when I was 23: Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Mama Cass, Jimi Hendrix... and I suddenly realised, these people are no longer alive, and I could have been one of them. Moon was well. I was just very lucky that I managed to get the balance correct. That's all life is, isn't it? Shame you don't understand it when you're 16."

• The video *Listening To You* — Live At The Isle of Wight is released by Warner Music Vision. The newly remixed *Quadrophenia* is released by Polydor

Caitlin Moran sings the praises of a nation under the weirdest of grooves

Today Wales, tomorrow ...

Until recently, parts of the music industry suffered from a disease known as "herding". It would occur whenever a band from "the provinces" (ie, anywhere outside the M25) suddenly rose to prominence. In 1988, for instance, the day after Manchester's Happy Mondays appeared on *Top of the Pops*, having broken into the Top 20, every flight and train seat up to Manchester had been booked up by A&R men. The words of their label bosses were still ringing in their ears: "Smithers. I want a Manchester band and I want one now. The kiddies go wild for them. Do not darken this door until you've got me four working-class lads who've been listening to Sly Stone."

And so Smithers and SO of his peers trekked to Manchester, hung around clubs and pubs until they had found a band with a Manx accent, and dragged it back to London.

This happens so often it is starting to be seen as "normal" A&R behaviour. The locations change but the routine remains the same. Goldrush fever sets in, whether it be



Say it loud, they're Welsh and proud: Gorky's Zygotic Mynci are an invigorating sum of many influences

around Happy Mondays, Nirvana, Portishead or Oasis, and suddenly the streets of Seattle, Bristol and Manchester are filled with desperate men trying to find the next cash cow.

This has no logic at all. When the people of Melton Mowbray came up with the pork pie, there wasn't a sudden deluge of bakers from around the country flooding Leicestershire, eagerly awaiting

the next progression in pastry and pig.

Of course, there's always an exception that proves the rule; and in this case the exception is a whole country. Wales has suddenly become a melting pot of assorted mad geniuses: 60ft Dolls, Gorky's Zygotic Mynci, Super Furry Animals, Catatonia and the well-established Manic Street Preachers are all starting to put Wales in

the old Rock'n'Roll Atlas of Britain.

The way a music-infatuated kid in Wales consumes music is different from most other kids in Britain. Unless you live in Swansea or Cardiff, your access to music is limited and eclectic. The small, second-hand stores such as Cob in Porthmadog and Hagg's in Lampeter have a range that's generally well outside the current mainstream — Krautrock nestles by C&W. Simple Minds' first four albums are always available for £3 each, and strange psychedelic bands from the 1960s clutter every section.

Very little of what's currently in the charts filters through. Therefore, the musical self-education that all music-obessed kids go through between the ages of 13 and 19 is a radically different one, leading to bands that exist outside the Beatles/Stones/Floyd/Pistols/Smiths/R.E.M./Nirvana/Oasis/blueprint: most bands follow so faithfully. These tiny, strange record shops influence bands such as Gorky's Zygotic Mynci, who become a different band for each track on their albums, from gently strummed Syd Barrett stuff to mad zydeco.

Similarly, Super Furry Animals' *Hometown Unicorn*, their shiniest moment to date, wanders through Strawbs, XTC and Teardrop Explodes. Catatonia's skewed view of pop — make it loud, odd and melodic — has been gaining swaths of adoration, and 60ft Dolls seem set to become huge this year with their aggressive, out-kilter punk rock.

In the past few years people's tastes have become ever more eclectic. Artists as weird as Björk, Tricky and the Divine Comedy have become big-selling acts. There's a new hunger for different, radical, out-there pop which conventional rock'n'pop can't satisfy. The message from Wales seems to be: strike out for the uncharted waters — the pickings are richer there.

• Super Furry Animals' album *Fuzzy Logic* is released by Creation. The single *Amber Gambler*, by Gorky's Zygotic Mynci, is on Anker. The single, *Happy Shopper*, by 60ft Dolls, is released by Indietek on July 6

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Interfering with third party rights

Regina v City of London Corporation and Another; Ex parte Mystery of the Barbers of London
Before Mr Justice Dyson
Judgment May 24

A local authority which carried out development in accordance with planning permission on land it had acquired for planning purposes was authorised to interfere with third party rights where it subsequently redeveloped the site in accordance with planning permission.

Mr Justice Dyson said in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application by the Mystery of the Barbers of London for judicial review of a decision by the Mayor and Commonalty and the Citizens of London that section 237(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 authorised interference with the applicant's right in light.

The local authority, the City of London, had acquired land piece meal by compulsory purchase and acquisition. It planned a building lease to Royal London Mutual Insurance Society to construct Shelley House. It also granted land to the applicant and covenanted not to erect something that would obstruct the passage of light.

The local authority decided to redevelop for commercial purposes, intending to demolish the old Shelley House and allow a new one to be built. Planning permission was granted. The redevelopment would interfere with the right to light enjoyed by the applicant's land. The local authority decided that section 237(1) of the 1990 Act authorised such interference and the applicant's consent was not required.

Section 237 of the 1990 Act provided: "(1) ... the erection, construction or carrying out or maintenance of any building or work on land which has been acquired or appropriated by a local authority for planning purposes (whether done by the local au-

thority or by a person deriving title under them) is authorised by virtue of this section if it is done in accordance with planning permission, notwithstanding that it involves — (a) interference with an interest or right in which this section applies.

"(2) ... the interests and rights to which this section applies are any easement, liberty, privilege, right or advantage annexed to land and adversely affecting other land, including any natural right to support."

Mr John Howell, QC, and Mr Jonathan Karis for the applicant; Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC, and Mr Thomas Hill for the City of London; Mr Malcolm Spence, QC and Mr Thomas Cosgrove for Royal London Mutual.

MR JUSTICE DYSON said that it was clear that the object of subsection (1) was to provide local authorities carrying out their statutory function with a defence to claims by third parties for interference with certain private law rights. It seemed that the true meaning of section 237(1) had not been the subject of previous decisions.

Mr Howell submitted that section 237(1) did not have the effect alleged since on its true construction: (a) ceased to apply once the original purpose for which the local authority acquired the land had been achieved; alternatively (b) the statutory authority to interfere with third party rights did not apply where those rights had been granted by the local authority itself.

The result of the statutory provision in cases of acquisition of land was limited to situations where a local authority acquired land which was already subject to such third party rights.

On the first issue, the respondents argued that the language of section 237(1) was plain and unambiguous. There was no reason to construe "for planning purposes" as restricted to the initial planning scheme for which the land was acquired or appro-

priated. That phrase was quite general.

In his Lordship's judgment, the applicant sought to construe the words "acquired for planning purposes" too narrowly. The words were quite general and were used to distinguish the case from one where acquisition, or appropriation, was made for other purposes; for example, where a local authority acquired land to hold for investment purposes, or for educational purposes.

The concept of an initial development followed by cyclical redevelopment of the site was hardly exotic. If Parliament had intended to restrict the application of section 237(1) to the first development, which might well be the particular development that the local authority had in mind when acquiring or appropriating the land, then different language would have been used.

There was nothing surprising about the wider interpretation. The statutory object which underlay section 237(1) was that, provided the work was done in accordance with planning permission, and subject to payment of compensation, a local authority should be permitted to interfere with third party rights.

A balance had to be struck between giving local authorities freedom to develop land held for planning purposes, and the need to protect third party rights where those rights were interfered with by local authority development.

Section 237(1) was the result of that balancing exercise. It was difficult to see what rational basis there could be for restricting the operation of section 237(1) to the first development after acquisition or appropriation.

His Lordship was not persuaded by examples that the wider interpretation might lead to results which were so unreasonable that they could not have been intended by Parliament.

Mr Howell placed great emphasis on the fact that successors in

title to the local authority could enjoy the fruits of section 237(1). His Lordship did not have to consider in the present case whether, as a matter of construction, there were any, and if so what limits to the application of section 237(1) to those who derived title under the acquiring or appropriating local authority.

His Lordship's provisional view was that, in order to attract the immunity conferred by the subsection, the work done, whether by the local authority or the person deriving title under it, must be related in some way to the planning purposes for which the land was required. That would explain why, even in cases where the work was done by a person deriving title, Parliament had decided that the local authority should have contingent ability to pay

compensation.

On the second issue, Mr Howell submitted that it was one thing for the local authority to be able to interfere with third party rights to which the land was already subject when it acquired or appropriated the land, but Parliament could not have intended that a local authority which had itself granted such rights could subsequently override them. There was no reasonable requirement for an owner of land to be able to treat as ineffective third party rights which he himself had lawfully granted.

The respondents argued that the language of section 237(1) and (2) was plain, and there was no need or justification for the introduction of words of qualification which, on the applicant's argument, would have to be added.

His Lordship could not accept Mr Howell's argument. He was seeking to cut down section 237(1) and (2) by interpreting them as if additional words were present, which had the effect of excluding from the scope of the statute rights granted by the local authority itself. Where statutory words were clear, and their literal meaning did not lead to absurdity, then they were to be given their natural and ordinary meaning. It was not permissible in such circumstances to read into the statute words that were not there.

The words were clear and did not lead to an absurdity. It was not absurd that Parliament should have intended to give local authorities the power to override third party rights granted by themselves. If, acting bona fide, they thought that the public good would be served best by carrying out work on their land, in circumstances which would require those rights to be overridden.

Parliament had provided safeguards in that planning permission had to be obtained and that compensation was payable.

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Regina v Family Health Service Appeal Authority; Ex parte Boots the Chemist Ltd
Before Mr Justice Tucker
Judgment May 24

A shopping and leisure centre development could be a neighbourhood for the purposes of regulation 449 of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (SI 1992 No 662) even though no one would be living there.

Mr Justice Tucker so held in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the application of Boots the Chemist Ltd for judicial review of the decision of the Family Health Service Appeal Authority on May 1, 1995 not to grant the applicant consent to establish a pharmacy and provide pharmaceutical services at Cribbs Causeway, Bristol, a newly developed regional shopping centre.

In order to be able to provide pharmaceutical services, in their proposed store at the centre Boots had to obtain a grant from the Avon Family Health Services Authority of the right to be included in its pharmaceutical list. The original application, made under the 1992 Regulations, was refused and Boots appealed.

Regulation 4 of the 1992 Regulations provides: "(4) An application shall be granted by the FHSA only if it is satisfied that it is necessary or desirable to grant the application in order to secure, in the neighbourhood in which the

premises from which the applicant intends to provide the services are located, the adequate provision, by persons included in the list, of the services specified in the application."

Miss Judith Beale for Boots; Mr Keith Freeman for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE TUCKER said that the development, due to be completed in 1997, already had provision for a pharmacy within a food supermarket. The original application had been rejected on the ground, inter alia, that it was neither necessary nor desirable because the neighbourhood was adequately served by existing pharmacies. Avon FHSA had defined the relevant neighbourhood as much larger than the area of the shopping centre.

On appeal, the respondent considered that a neighbourhood was an area within which people regarded themselves as neighbours of one another and that it could be defined by physical or social factors. People were unlikely to live in the shopping centre and it could not therefore be considered as a neighbourhood in its own right.

Before his Lordship, Boots submitted that the respondent had erred in law by directing itself that a shopping and leisure development could not be a separate neighbourhood for the purposes of regulation 449. The respondent contended, inter alia, that the regulation had to be read as a

whole so that the key test was adequacy; that test called for the making of a value judgement left to the decision maker.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was not necessary for a neighbourhood to contain a residential element. His Lordship relied on *R v Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, Ex parte Suri* (The Times December 5, 1995), in which Lord Justice Russell, in the Court of Appeal, had said that the whole scheme created by the regulations was directed at protecting the interests of those who might wish to avail themselves of the pharmaceutical services. Lord Justice Thorpe had said that the relevant population was not necessarily resident within the shopping centre.

The respondent had thereby erred in law and for that reason alone the decision would be quashed and remitted.

What the respondent had to consider was whether, in the light of his Lordship's judgment, the new shopping centre would be a neighbourhood in its own right notwithstanding that no one would live in it.

If it considered that there would be a new neighbourhood created by the new decision then it should go on to consider whether it was necessary or desirable to grant the application in order to secure in that neighbourhood the adequate provision of pharmaceutical services.

In that context it should consider the rights of those who could be expected to visit the neighbourhood for the purposes for which it was being developed. That would involve an assessment of the likely numbers of visitors, the purpose of their visits and the fact that the majority of such visitors would be likely to have travelled for some distance and were unlikely to be resident in the immediate area of the existing premises providing pharmaceutical services.

In considering adequacy, it would be open to the respondent to take account of existing pharmacies and to ask whether they provided adequate services for the neighbourhood constituted by the new development, bearing in mind the differing needs of the people who visited it.

When assessing adequacy, regard should be had to the needs of all those who might be expected to be in, not necessarily resident in the neighbourhood at any time and for whatever purpose.

The respondent was not justified in concluding that shoppers travelling to the centre would usually have access to services in neighbourhoods in which they were resident or that they would be visiting the development at times when they could conveniently visit pharmacies in those neighbourhoods.

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If it considered that there would be a new neighbourhood created by the new decision then it should go on to consider whether it was necessary or desirable to grant the application in order to secure in that neighbourhood the adequate provision of pharmaceutical services.

In that context it should consider the rights of those who could be expected to visit the neighbourhood for the purposes for which it was being developed. That would involve an assessment of the likely numbers of visitors, the purpose of their visits and the fact that the majority of such visitors would be likely to have travelled for some distance and were unlikely to be resident in the immediate area of the existing premises providing pharmaceutical services.

In considering adequacy, it would be open to the respondent to take account of existing pharmacies and to ask whether they provided adequate services for the neighbourhood constituted by the new development, bearing in mind the differing needs of the people who visited it.

When assessing adequacy, regard should be had to the needs of all those who might be expected to be in, not necessarily resident in the neighbourhood at any time and for whatever purpose.

The respondent was not justified in concluding that shoppers travelling to the centre would usually have access to services in neighbourhoods in which they were resident or that they would be visiting the development at times when they could conveniently visit pharmacies in those neighbourhoods.

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Harrogate.

No obligation to consult doctors

Regina v North Yorkshire Family Health Services Authority; Ex parte Wilson and Others

Before Mr Justice Carnwath
Judgment May 22

When a pharmacist who was already on the pharmaceutical list of a family health services authority made an application to open additional premises within that authority's locality to provide pharmaceutical services, the authority was not obliged to hear representations from the local doctors or to consider whether the granting of the application would prejudice the proper provision of general medical services.

Mr Justice Carnwath sitting in the Queen's Bench Division so held when refusing applications by Dr Michael Wilson, Dr Neil Moran, Dr Peter Burnett, Dr T. John Donaldson, Dr Ian Lyall, Dr Pauline Carney, Dr Graham Gibson and Dr Lesley Welch for judicial review of a decision of the North Yorkshire FHSA on July 20, 1995 to allow Mr E. A. Goran's application of December 23, 1994 to establish a pharmacy in Dunnington.

Mr Michael Supperstone, QC

and Mr Paul Nicholls for the applicant doctors; Mr Timothy Dunton for North Yorkshire FHSA; Miss Cherie Booth, QC and Miss Jane Oldham for Mr Goran.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the doctors had a practice in Dunnington and had also provided pharmaceutical services for many years under special provisions allowing doctors to do so exceptionally to meet particular needs in rural areas where patients would have serious difficulty in obtaining any necessary drugs or appliances from a pharmacy by reason of distance or inaccessibility of means of communication.

The contribution of the practice from dispensing was significant. The profits only benefited the doctors personally but also, they claimed, enabled them to improve the quality of the medical service. They would lose the right to provide pharmaceutical services if Mr Goran's consent was upheld and they complained that their objections were not given a fair hearing.

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Service) Regulations (SI 1992 No 662) provided for the keeping of a pharmaceutical

list. Mr Goran was already included in the list for the area so that under regulation 449 it was necessary or desirable to grant the application.

The doctors submitted that the FHSA acted in breach of natural justice in that it declined to seek written representations from them with regard to the "necessary or desirable" question; it failed to notify them of the hearing; it failed to allow them to advance their case at the hearing; and it failed to allow them to respond to Mr Goran's case.

Although the regulations gave the doctors no express right to be consulted or heard, they relied on the general principle of fairness and said that at the hearing they would have made submissions about the detrimental effect on patient care which would follow from the loss of dispensing income.

Although presented as a case of procedural impropriety, it was not possible to separate the procedural point from the substance. The doctors' real concern was that the opening of a new pharmacy in the village would affect their income, and therefore indirectly their ability to provide services.

Under regulation 449 there was no such express reference to preference to the medical service and there was no such right of representation by local doctors.

That being the scheme of the regulations it was not open to his Lordship judicially to amend it.

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Careful school not in breach

Nwabudike v Southwark London Borough Council

Before Judge Zucker QC
Judgment May 8

Although the standard of duty of care owed by a school to ensure the safety of its pupils was a high one, a school which had taken all proper and reasonable steps to ensure such safety when an accident happened was not in breach of its duty of care.

Judge Zucker, QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when dismissing a claim for damages in respect of injuries suffered by the plaintiff, suing by his mother and next

friend, Joyce Nwabudike, when he ran out of his primary school playground during the lunch break and into the path of a motor car.

Mr Jonathan Clarke for the plaintiff; Mr Nicholas Dean for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was the duty of the school to take all reasonable and adequate steps to prevent a child from leaving the school premises at a time when he should have been in school. However, it was necessary to strike a balance between maintaining security and turning the school into a fortress.

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RESEARCH

CRICKET: ENGLAND COACH CONVINCES COUNTIES THAT LEADING PERFORMERS NEED BREAK FROM CHAMPIONSHIP TREADMILL

Lloyd secures week's rest for jaded Test players



Lloyd: personal plea

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THIS need to protect and preserve England cricketers within the punishing domestic schedule was at last recognised yesterday, when four members of the team that played in the Lord's Test were rested by their counties at the request of David Lloyd, the England coach. It was a contentious development, predictably unpopular with county supporters, but it is the shape of things to come.

Michael Atherton, the England captain, and Peter Martin both stood down from Lancashire's championship match with Somer-

set, while Graeme Hick, of Worcestershire, and Chris Lewis, of Surrey, were absent at New Road and Southend respectively. On Tuesday, Dominic Cork and Graham Thorpe had missed one-day commitments for similar reasons.

Lloyd has a pro-active style of management and he acted swiftly when a number of players told him they were exhausted after the Lord's Test. It is not in his power to withdraw players from county cricket but the clubs have kept faith with an undertaking, given last winter, to view any such requests sympathetically.

This agreement, made at a full meeting of the Test and County

Cricket Board, followed the countries' rejection of a proposal by Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, to hand over control of such matters to the England management. Scepticism over county co-operation might, therefore, be misplaced, although, by ironical contrast, Essex this week rebuffed an approach by Illingworth to release Graham Gooch for selectorial duties.

Lloyd, who was at Old Trafford yesterday along with fellow selector, David Graveney, defended the withdrawal of players in need of a break — something that happens by unquestioned routine in both South Africa and Australia. "As long as the

counties continue to react in this way, there will be no need for central employment of England players," he said. "In the past couple of weeks a number of players have come to me and said they are jaded. In general, they have asked me to speak to their counties and request a rest. I don't like going to the clubs and saying it's an England matter and they must not play them but they have all responded well."

"Jack Russell" is one who approached me after the Test and I spoke to Gloucestershire about him having time off. Eventually they had to play him against Durham because Courtney Walsh has gone back to Jamaica for a funeral, but

Jack is not captaining the side and later in the season, he might be rested completely.

"My reply to any members who are upset by this is that when players are jaded they will not see them at their best. Atherton is tired, needs a rest. If he had played here today he might have got out for 25, been run of the mill, under-achieved. That is in nobody's best interests."

England's professional cricket circuit is so broad, so all-consuming, that this will be seen by some as a radical and divisive step liable to erode the traditions of the county game. And so it is. Properly handled, however, it will help to insure

against the premature burn-out of leading players and consequent deterioration of England's international standing.

It must, however, be handled sensitively and there is a case for saying that Hick and Atherton, in particular, would have been better advised to rest from their two scheduled limited-overs games this week but to play in the championship fixtures. For one thing, this would have reinforced the primacy of the championship instead of giving priority to more minor competitions; for another, it would have offered the chance of useful, un hurried batting for two men who struggled for runs at Lord's.

McGrath consolidates for Yorkshire

BY ALAN LEE

WORCESTER (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss); Yorkshire have scored 312 for seven wickets against Worcestershire

IT WAS not just the voluntary absence of Graeme Hick that identified the contrasting championship aspirations of the two counties at New Road yesterday. Yorkshire approached a difficult day in the business-like fashion peculiar to a team pursuing honours, their progress animatedly observed by enough travelling supporters to make up an exceptional first-day crowd and create a crockery crisis in the ladies' tea pavilion.

Worcestershire, whose ambitions this summer are now confined to two one-day companions, fielded a three-grade side and will probably be beaten.

At first glance, it may seem that they emerged with honour yesterday, their attack nobly led by Stuart Lampitt, but this is not a straightforward pitch and batting is unlikely to become any easier. The bounce was mischievous all day and there is already appreciable turn. Richard Stimpson, who started his career at Worcester, may now be the key to their downfall.

Yorkshire need a reviving victory. After an emphatic win over Warwickshire, they fell in a heap against Leicestershire at Bradford last week, and have yet to convince anyone — most importantly themselves — that they have the necessary stamina to take the title for the first time since 1968. They have the ability, though, and in a championship which has reached midsummer with no

discernible shape they may have a better chance.

Winning the toss here gave them an immediate control over events. Alamgir Sheriyar and Scott Ellis made up the lowly experienced next-ball pairing. Worcestershire have put out in years, but fickle bounce was quickly evident and Michael Vaughan departed with some baleful backward stares at the pitch after Ellis, making his championship debut, had followed a couple of grubbers with one that lifted unfriendly.

Byas was reprieved twice, at second slip and square leg, before Lampitt caught him in front with another ball keeping low, and when Moxon drove at a wide one — no blame to the pitch here — Yorkshire were perilously placed at 72 for three. They were probably unconcerned, for Michael Bevan was among the survivors, and bating suddenly took on an air of serenity.

Bevan is in the form of his life and the pitch held no terrors for him. Stretching confidently forward, meeting everything with the full face of the bat, he proceeded cautiously for an hour before sprinting to his half-century with four fours in two overs. The first batsman to pass 1,000 runs this season, he has made fifties in eight out of nine championship games — in the other, for Michael Vaughan. The other, whose technique is so impressive that a

maiden England tour this winter seems highly likely. He did not hurry, nor was there any call for it, and had batted through 55 overs for 60 when a rare error saw him leg-before to Sheriyar.

When Bevan was surprised by Ellis, the onus passed to Tony McGrath, whose technique is so impressive that a

third half-century followed from Craig White, whose reaction, both arms raised aloft towards the dressing-room, was self-mocking — it was his first since the second game of the season. Raymond

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FOOTBALL: VENABLES DESERVES PLAUDITS FOR RESTORING ENGLAND'S PLACE IN WORLD ORDER

Wembley epic stirs memories of Turin

They tell me that lightning doesn't strike twice but, at Wembley on Wednesday night, no one believed that. It was almost a replica of the World Cup semi-final six years ago in Turin when I was in charge of England. We played as well as the Germans on Wednesday, we were the better side in extra time and Darren Anderton hit the post, just as Chris Waddle had done in Italy.

I was sitting there in the stand thinking "this is it all over again". It was there in the compactness of both teams, the desperate attempts to open each other up in defence. But, just as they were in 1990, the Germans are still one of the best teams in the world and they have made a real art of hanging in there.

The match was a privilege to watch, a real game for the connoisseur. There was so much class and there was sportsmanship, too. Germans picked English players up off the floor at times and vice-versa. Only Möller spoilt it when he rejected Pearce's offer to help him up and he paid for his lack of graciousness with the yellow card that put him out of the final.

Most enthralling of all for me were the personal battles that were going on all over the pitch. I thought Babbé was very impressive against Shearer and I loved the tussle between Gascoigne and Freund. For me, Sammer was the man of the match; he hit long and short passes and was always trying to play the ball forward into good positions.

BOBBY ROBSON

on England's disappointment

Möller, in spasms, was brilliant, too, but he was up against Ince, who had a marvellous match. The marking and tackling of the German team, in general, was outstanding and they did great work in containing us.

I know I talked before the game about the necessity of taking any half-chances, but I really would not blame Anderton for his miss. It was an inch away, that's all. It made me think about Waddle's shot, how it looked to be going in right until the last moment when it seemed to hit a blade of grass and veer towards the post.

Gascoigne missed by inches, too, of course, with those two late runs in extra time and then there was Southgate. I read a few comments questioning why he had been allowed to take a penalty when

men like McManaman and Ince still had not taken them, but Terry Venables will have asked for volunteers and we should praise Southgate for taking it.

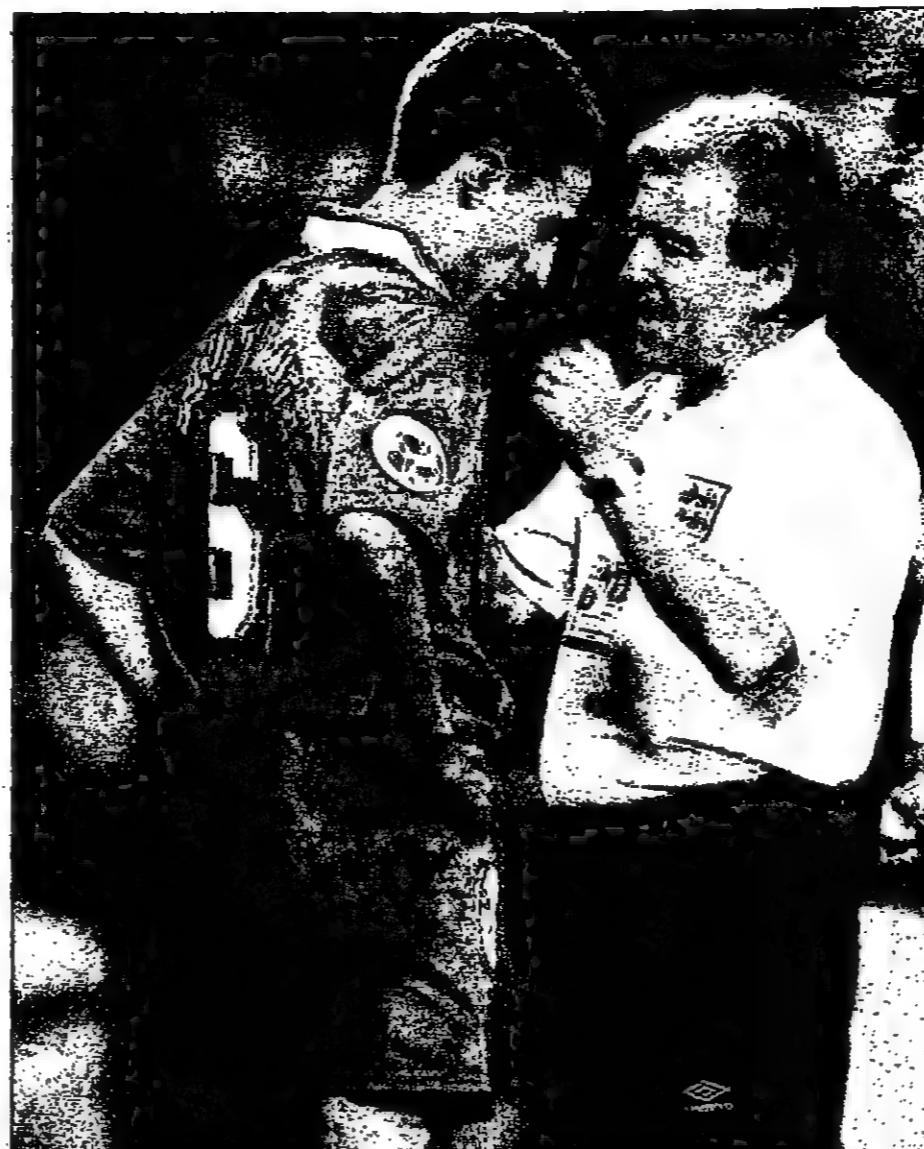
Terry should be praised, too. It is the end of his period in charge and he can be proud of what he has achieved. When I left the job after the 1990 World Cup, we were ranked fourth in the world. I think we slipped down to about 23, but on Wednesday we showed we are right back up there again.

During this tournament, he has got the team playing the football he wanted them to play. He had a vision and I think he reached that vision. I do not think the team could have played any better.

He went out in glory, too. He started with three at the back on Wednesday and that showed he is a thinking coach. There were not many coaches who would have done that. The majority would have started conservatively and then changed in mid-stream.

It is a shame he could not have carried on but he has obviously made up his mind. At least defeat against Germany has made it easier for Glenn Hoddle to take over. If we had won the tournament, he would have been in an unenviable position.

He will take over a team who have won back their prestige and their reputation. Terry never panicked. He got it right and England played their best football for a number of years. It was a pleasure to see it.



Venables consoles Southgate after his penalty miss condemned England to defeat

CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech celebrations have grown increasingly moderate the nearer to Wembley their victory has put them. After defeating France on penalties the team had dinner, went straight to bed and rose early, to travel from Preston to their new base in the St Albans Sowell House Hotel, previously temporary home to the Dutch. Vladimir Smicer made a slight detour and flew to Prague yesterday evening in order to get married.

Smicer's wedding preparations have been subject to considerable press speculation, with concern among some commentators that his unwillingness to cancel the big day implied lack of confidence in the Czech camp. However, Smicer intends to return to St Albans tomorrow. If he is picked to play in the final it will be a notable achievement. Not only will he have missed vital training sessions and been preoccupied with matters other than football, he also suffered a bad head injury during the semi-final that needed four stitches.

Smicer, clearly an optimistic sort of fellow, claims he will be fully fit and ready to serve his country on Sunday. His bride, Pavlina Vizkova, has high expectations, too. Her father was considered one of the best midfield players Czechoslovakia produced. Not surprisingly, Prague is still knee-high in celebrations. Football is the lead story on the news and everyone is smiling.

CAUTIONS: Nedved (3), Kuka (2), Belbi (2), Suchoparek (2), Kadlec (2), Nemec, Drulic, Smicer, Nemecak, Kubek, Latal

DISMISSAL: Latal

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GERMANY

After the unsavoury outbreak of anti-German sentiment in some sections of the English tabloid press earlier in the week, it was time for sweet revenge yesterday. "Yes!" crowed Express, the Caledonian daily, on its front page: "aaaaaa!" screamed Bild, Germany's largest-selling newspaper, in similarly triumphant vein. Germany had at last exorcised the demons of 1986, when Geoff Hurst's controversial second goal helped England to beat West Germany and win the World Cup final. "Battle of Wembley — A Historic Victory", Bild told its readers.

Andy Möller's clinching penalty made sure that justice was seen to be done, too. Germany's leading sportswriters felt that Stefan Kuntz's disallowed header in extra time should have been deemed legal. "Just like 30 years ago," Bild ranted. "This time it was a German goal and the ball was in the net... but it didn't count. And that's a scandal!" Express, moving into overtime, belittled: "Just like 30 years ago, there was a whiff of a fix." It then reflected on the outcome: "But who cares?"

Objectivity, predictably, was difficult to find. After all, England had also played rather well. From the depths of its joyous heart, though, Express did finally manage to offer a crumb of comfort. "The Germans can rejoice and England has to grieve," it said. "Sorry Gazza, sorry England — you deserved to win, too."

CAUTIONS: Babbé (2), Reuter (2), Möller (2), Hässler, Kunz, Ziegler, Bierhoff, Semmer, Kühnemann

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REPORTS: Alyson Rudd and Russell Kempson

HOW THE SEMI-FINALS FINISHED

Germany 1 England 1
(aet; Germany win 6-5 on penalties)
Shearer (3) Kurz (16)
(Wembley, attendance 76,567)

France 0 Czech Republic 0
(aet; Czech Republic win 6-5 on penalties)
(Old Trafford, attendance 43,877)

HOW THE QUARTER-FINALS FINISHED

England 0 Spain 0
(aet; England win 4-2 on penalties)
(Wembley, att 75,440)

Germany 2 Croatia 1
Kühnemann (21 pen)
Sammer (58) Suker (51)
(Old Trafford, att 43,412)

France 0 Holland 0
(aet; France win 5-4 on penalties)
(Anfield, att 37,485)

Portugal 0 Czech Republic 1
Poborski (63)
(Villa Park, att 26,832)

HOW THE GROUPS FINISHED

GROUP A
England 3 2 1 0 7 2 7
Holland 3 1 1 1 3 4 4
Scotland 3 1 1 1 2 4 4
Switzerland 3 0 1 2 1 4 1

GROUP B
France 3 2 1 0 5 2 7
Spain 3 1 2 0 4 3 5
Bulgaria 3 1 1 1 3 4 4
Romania 3 0 0 3 1 4 0

GROUP C
Germany 3 2 1 0 5 0 7
Czech Rep 3 1 1 1 5 6 4
Italy 3 1 1 1 3 3 4
Russia 3 0 1 2 4 8 1

GROUP D
Portugal 3 2 1 0 5 1 7
Croatia 3 2 0 1 4 3 6
Denmark 3 1 1 1 4 4 4
Turkey 3 0 0 3 0 5 0

GROUP A
England 1 Switzerland 1
Shearer (23 pen) Torkildsen (83 pen)
(Wembley, attendance 76,567)

Holland 0 Scotland 0
(Villa Park, attendance 34,383)

Switzerland 0 Holland 2
Cruijff (85) Bergkamp (78)
(Villa Park, attendance 35,800)

England 2 Scotland 0
Shearer (53) Gascoigne (79)
(Wembley, attendance 76,864)

Scotland 1 Switzerland 0
McCrae (37)
(Villa Park, attendance 39,000)

England 4 Holland 1
Shearer (23 pen, 57) Sheringham (51, 62)
Kluivert (78) (Wembley, attendance 76,798)

GROUP B
Spain 1 Bulgaria 1
Alfonso (73) Stoichkov (65 pen)
(Eldon Road, attendance 26,006)

Romania 0 France 1
Dugany (24)
(St James' Park, attendance 26,323)

Bulgaria 1 Romania 0
Stoichkov (3)
(St James' Park, attendance 19,107)

France 1 Spain 1
Djorkaeff (45) Caminero (85)
(Eldon Road, attendance 35,826)

France 3 Bulgaria 1
Blanc (20) Panov (63) Loko (90) Stoichkov (69)
(St James' Park, attendance 29,976)

Romania 1 Spain 2
Raducioiu (29) Manjarin (11) Amor (83)
(Eldon Road, attendance 32,719)

GROUP C
Germany 2 Czech Republic 0
Ziege (25) Möller (31)
(Old Trafford, attendance 37,300)

Italy 2 Russia 1
Nedved (4) Bajic (35) Chiessa (18)
(Anfield, attendance 35,120)

Czech Republic 2 Italy 1
Suker (45) Caminero (85)
(Anfield, attendance 37,320)

Russia 0 Germany 3
Sammer (58) Kühnemann (77, 90)
(Old Trafford, attendance 50,780)

Italy 0 Germany 0
(Old Trafford, attendance 53,740)

Russia 3 Czech Republic 3
Moskovi (49) Tefrade (54) Beschastnyk (25)
Suchoparek (6) Kuka (19) Smicer (39)
(Anfield, attendance 21,128)

GROUP D
Denmark 1 Portugal 1
Laudrup (21) Sa Pinto (52)
(Hillsborough, attendance 34,993)

Turkey 0 Croatia 1
Vlaovic (85)
(City Ground, attendance 22,460)

Portugal 1 Turkey 0
Couto (66)
(City Ground, attendance 22,570)

Croatia 3 Denmark 0
Suker (53 pen, 90) Boban (81)
(Hillsborough, attendance 33,671)

Croatia 0 Portugal 3
Pigo (4) João Pinto (33) Domingos (83)
(City Ground, attendance 20,484)

Turkey 0 Denmark 3
Laudrup (60, 84) Nielsen (70)
(Hillsborough, attendance 28,951)

PREVIOUS WINNERS
1980 USSR
1984 Spain
1988 Italy
1992 West Germany
1996 Czechoslovakia
1998 West Germany
2000 France
2002 Holland
2004 Denmark

RUNNERS-UP
1980 Yugoslavia
1984 USSR
1988 Yugoslavia
1992 USSR
1996 West Germany
1998 Belgium
1999 Spain
2000 France
2002 USA
2004 Germany

LATEST BETTING
U.S. Germany
T1-G: Czech Republic
FOUL PLAY
149 Cautions
7 Dismissals
Goals by Leichtner

LEADING SCORERS
S: A Shearer (England)
J: Kühnemann (Germany)
B: Laudrup (Denmark)
H: Stoichkov (Bulgaria)
D: Suker (Croatia)
P: Casiraghi (Italy)
M: Sammer (Germany)
E: Sheringham (England)

England host to be

FOOTBALL

England possess host of reasons to be optimistic

There were two very human, almost personal moments that illuminated Wembley Stadium on the night of England's dramatic exit from Euro 96. First, at the very beginning, there was a young woman standing in a simple white dress with a microphone, asked to sing the German anthem in front of more than 70,000 England supporters.

For an instant the old, dreadful habit of hissing and booing the opposing anthem was apparent, and then came the stirring sounds of a brave, operatic voice... a lioness in the den of lions. It so set the tone for the night, the silence from the English audience came so rapidly, that from then until the very end there was respect — respect from the crowd for the players, from the players for one another, and even for a referee who, by encouraging and allowing this to be a body-contact sport, surpassed the interfering standards set by his colleagues in 28 matches before him.

In essence, it was the theatre of football as it should be. And when, come the end, one had to make do with that wretched apology, a penalty shoot-out, to separate equals, the second really touching human moment arrived.

Terry Venables, his own despondency making him appear momentarily like an abandoned coat over an armchair, suddenly began to run towards Gareth Southgate, who had the misfortune to have his penalty saved. Venables cupped the young man's face in his hands, the coach telling the player to look ahead, to realise that he had his whole football life ahead of him, and that a missed penalty was far from a crime.

By morning so many people, instant experts and new converts to the patriotic passion that had built up with England's improving performances, were asking: Why penalties? Why did England fall compared to the Germans? Was there no practised efficiency to compare to the almighty German team, which does not lose penalty shoot-outs? Think of it this way. Venables, in his last days as the mentor of the England players, could have spent

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Football Correspondent

hours detailing his entire squad to practise penalties. If the players had, they might have become the hottest and most redundant penalty takers in the tournament.

It should be a basic skill, striking a ball from the penalty spot into a goal at 12 paces. Why, you would expect full-time professionals to demon-

'Who would be a football supporter, if this is what happens? A lost semi-final, and I feel bereft, abandoned, lonely. Where did everybody go?'

Lynne Truss on the end of the affair, page 18

strate the art five times out of six. That, as the scoresheet shows, is precisely what England achieved: Germany, just as strong of nerve, just as powerful and as practised, went one penalty kick better, the perfect six out of six.

But Venables, rightly, had other priorities with his previous training days at Bisham Abbey. He had to mould teamwork to defy the predictions that England, through lack of technical guile, could not cope with the best on the Continent. He had to guide his chosen players to be as adaptable during play that they could change from 3-5-1-1 to 4-4-2. They had done that in

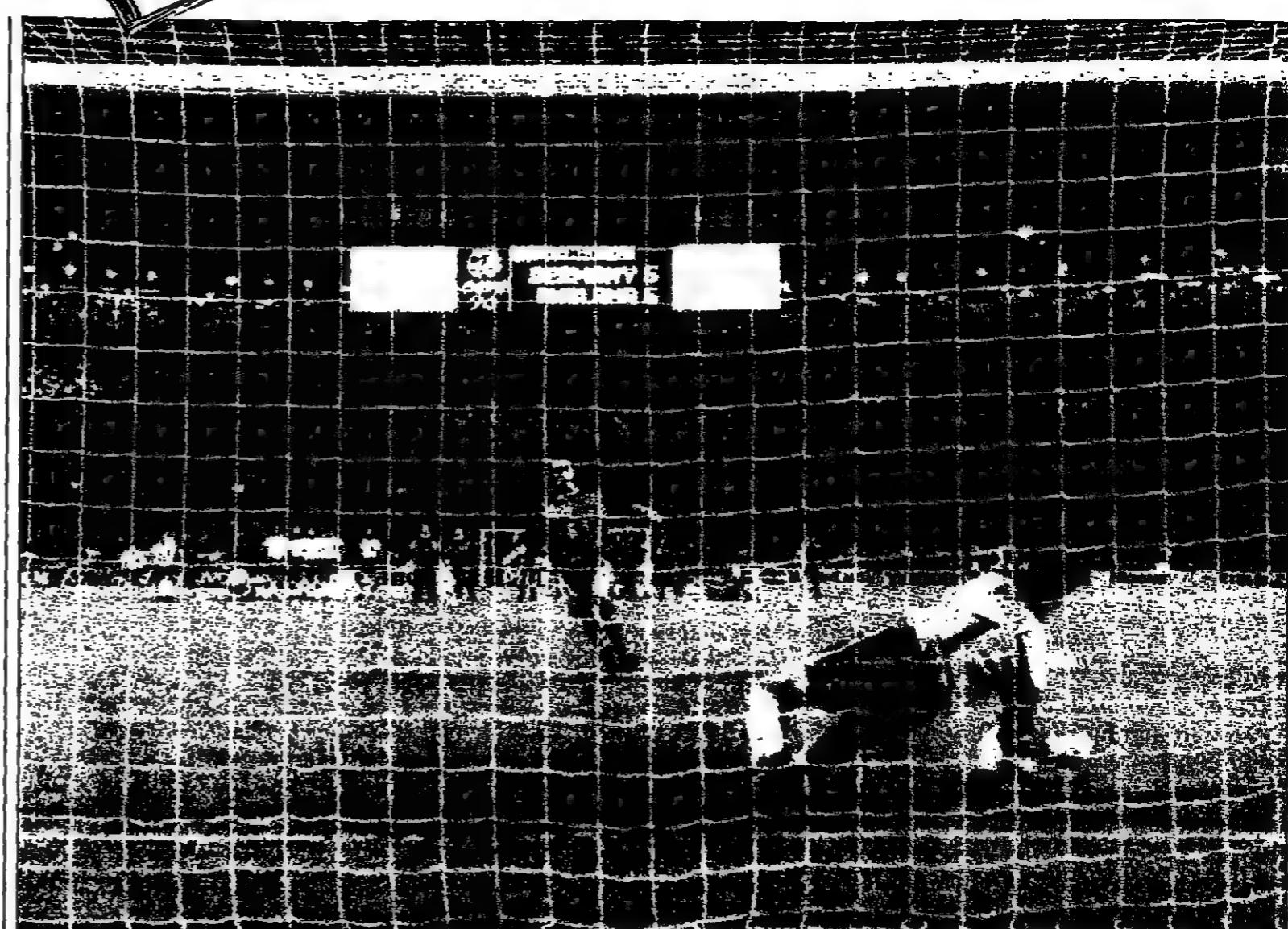
reverse against Spain (incidentally, when the penalty shoot-out appeared, from an English perspective, such a fine thing). They had surprised Germany with the fluidity and the tactical acumen of Wednesday night, and though Germany ultimately won, Bernd Vogts, their coach, admitted that he envies the England team one thing: its youth.

Vogts concurs with Venables that players such as Steve McManaman and Darren Anderton are attacking prospects you can mould into a real future. The Neville brothers, Sol Campbell, Robbie Fowler, Nick Barmby and Jamie Redknapp are all favoured fledglings of Venables, there to be handed over for progression under Glenn Hoddle.

So there is hope out of despondency. Bobby Charlton, one of the lions of 1966, said yesterday that he never expected to feel this excited, or this gratified, by the class of '96. As he lunched in London with Pelé, he heard the world's greatest footballer of all time say that two players, two goals, had lifted the tournament in his eyes.

Pelé picked out Paul Gascoigne's exotic goal against Scotland and the cunning chip by Karel Poborski of the Czech Republic, against Portugal. Charlton and Pelé admired the manliness of England versus Germany, the atmosphere of mutual respect, the moments of that match which finally transcended much of the organised boredom which had taken over the tournament.

Pelé, especially, was thrilled to be back at Wembley, a stadium in which there was order without fences and where the atmosphere reached out to embrace anyone who has a soul for the game. When he left, he was not to know that in Brighton a Russian student had been knifed, having been mistaken for a German. This dire end to the night, almost to the tournament, brought a lament that a pathetic football match was not worth such "hooliganism". How wrong: the football was anything but pathetic, the individual with the knife was. One cannot go on blaming a simple game for the sickness in society.



Johansson ready to rewrite penalty clause

After the disappointment and despair of England's defeat, Peter Ball considers alternatives to the dreaded shoot-out

Lennart Johansson and the whole of England were agreed on one thing yesterday — penalty shoot-outs are no way to settle a semi-final. Johansson, the president of Uefa, European football's governing body, said that if there were alternatives he would look at them, but then challenged his listeners to come up with a viable replacement.

Inventive readers of *The Times* responded by coming up with a sheaf of alternatives — although one non-lover of football suggested that, instead of having the match, teams could save a lot of time by going straight to penalties.

Most were not so cynical and suggestions could be divided into four areas: variations of the present system; an alternative scoring system so that if goals are level, corners, perhaps, come into play; taking earlier results into account; or changing the game, itself, to make a result in normal time more likely.

What is clear is that the "golden goal" concept has been a complete fiasco. Of the four matches which ended

level, only England and Germany, and to a lesser extent England and Spain, went gloriously for a win in extra time; elsewhere cravenness ruled.

The original theory behind the golden goal, however, of playing until someone scores, might work. It has its disadvantages — some teams would still wait for their opponents to make a mistake, and if a game went on much beyond the two hours, it would leave the winning team in poor shape for the next match. A variant would have a player removed from each side every ten minutes, so that there would be more space for the attackers, although whether they would be fit enough to take advantage is another matter.

Several readers suggested that taking the penalties either before the game, or before extra time would be preferable, thereby encouraging one side, the side that had lost the

shoot-out, to have a real go at winning. It would certainly take some of the guilt away from the man who missed, but one fears that it would just encourage the team that won to defend even more tightly. The former North American Soccer League system of sending players one-on-one

against the goalkeeper received little support.

Abandoning the shoot-out in favour of a scoring system based on the results in group matches, whether by wins or on goals scored, has its attractions. If points were awarded for wins in all their previous matches in the tournament

penalties are not entirely a lottery; they are a test of nerve and technique. German success is not just a matter of chance.

When Germany beat England on penalties in 1990, Bobby Robson, the then England manager, said that his team had not practised penalties; Franz Beckenbauer said that his team had. The result was obvious. Reluctant as one is to make the point, Southgate's penalty on Wednesday night was a poor one, enabling Köpke to save. Germany's six kicks all flew in.

There is a better alternative, thought it is an old-fashioned concept called the replay. Some may object that it is impractical for a tournament of this nature. Not so. To have a one-week gap between quarter-final and semi-final, and another between semi-final and final, allowing space for midweek replays, would add only another week to the tournament. Hardly drastic, and the final could be replayed the following Wednesday if necessary.

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Czechs revelling in their success

Alison Rudd watches as the underdogs of Euro 96 prepare to have their day

TWO German nannies strolled past with their toddlers. Spies? How low can Bertie Vogts' team stoop? It was probably quite innocent. St Albans City's Clarence Park pitch, which the Czech Republic are using for training is, after all, right next to a children's playground.

The team were due at 5pm, but by 6.10pm there were seven television crews (one had to pack up and leave), booms at the ready, two women and a dog, three groundsmen and a couple of schoolchildren — but no Czechs. "Let's hope they're not late for Wembley, then," commented a passing, non-nonsense mother.

At least the Czechs have the English on their side. After Wednesday's penalties, the supporters of the home nation would dearly love the underdog to succeed. For the Czechs it is all slightly ironic.

They are convinced they were the last team Uefa wanted to reach the final. "I feel

sorry for the organisers but they'll have to come to terms with it and expect us at Wembley," Jan Suchoparek, the Czech defender, said before the semi-final.

Suchoparek, who provides a constant stream of tongue-in-cheek comments, is one of four players who missed the game against France through suspension and who expects to be chosen for the final.

Four years ago, Germany lost to the underdogs, in that instance Denmark, and one would expect that Vogts, the Germany coach, knows the arrogance displayed before the final in Gothenburg must not rear its head this time. For the Czechs have nothing to lose and there is no better frame of mind than that when the stakes are so high.

It will be difficult for the Germans to keep their confidence in check, however. They won, convincingly, when the two teams faced each other on June 9 at Old Trafford. Whereas Susan Uhrin's side have grown in stature, though Germany, notwithstanding their penalty-kick precision, have faltered and been lucky whenever their defence has foundered.

Should he need advice, Vogts might like to heed Uhrin's response when asked, "What is the defensive fault of the Czech Republic's quarter-final against Portugal, about the defensive frailties of his side after the 3-3 draw with Russia?" Uhrin muttered that he expected the Portuguese to start with their strongest 11 players — unlike the Russians whose two substitutes created havoc. So the message would seem to be that Klinsmann should make the 88th-minute appearance many expected to understand what all the fuss was about.

see in the semi-final against England and grab a late winner.

When the team finally arrived at St Albans City, Uhrin strode off the bus clutching his boots and inspected the facilities. They would do, said his expression. St Albans City have already played host to Holland during this European championship and in the past helped out innumerable other European teams in preparation for games at Wembley.

Uhrin does not believe in overdoing the exercise. After that long wait only those players who did not participate in Wednesday's semi-final turned up for training yesterday. The rest were given the evening off.

Just like the Danes in 1992, the Czech camp is relaxed. There is no pressure, no regime. Just eight players jogged across the pitch. The sudden on-rush of under-fives that came to watch did not understand what all the fuss was about.

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*542	*32
*52	*21
*54	*10753

With two four-card suits, one of which is a major, you should always respond in the major. This is because partner is more likely to hold four cards in the major than in an unbid minor. Hence, on hand (i), you should respond One Spade. Partner is also more likely to bid further if you bid One Spade and, with your nice club suit, you would be pleased if he did so. Hand (ii) is interesting and would probably divide a panel of experts. You have quite a suitable hand, so could argue that, by bidding One Spade, you would encourage partner to bid again; on the other hand, if the bidding progresses quietly (say the opener rebids Two Hearts which is passed back to you), you would be better placed to make another bid if you had responded Two Clubs in the first place. I am for Two Clubs.

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□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Over the past couple of weeks, we have looked at some particularly dreadful hands that you might hold when partner has made a take-out double. Of course, it is not always so difficult. Often, you have fair values and sometimes have a choice of suits to bid. Let us consider the following hands, after your partner has doubled your left-hand opponent's opening of One Heart and your right-hand opponent has passed:

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Advantage Karpov

After his defeat in the tenth game, Anatoly Karpov sought to consolidate his lead in the next, against Gata Kamsky, the American grandmaster. Playing with the advantage of the white pieces, Karpov had adjourned after 59 moves with a slight advantage in an endgame of rooks and pawns. Black's main problem is that his pawn on g5 is exposed to capture and his king is awkwardly placed to a lateral check from the white rook.

Karpov took absolutely no risks in this game, but piled on quiet pressure which encouraged Black to犯 a couple of unforced errors. On move 53, Black could have played 53... h4, while on move 54, active defense by means of 54... Rd7 would both have been sufficient to save the game. White: Anatoly Karpov

Black: Gata Kamsky

Fide world championship

Elista: Eleventh game, June 1996

Scallop Star Defence

1 d4

2 c4

3 Nf3

4 e3

5 Nc3

6 Qb6

7 Be2

8 d5

9 Rd1

10 e4

11 Nf3

12 Ne4

13 Cx4

14 Bx4

15 Cd4

16 Ce7

17 Bx4

18 Qd4

19

TENNIS

Congratulations Greg, you are now a true Brit

SIMON BARNES



At Wimbledon

ALAS poor Greg. Last year, Rusedski zoomed into the national consciousness like a newly-discovered planet. At last we had a Brit actually winning matches at Wimbledon! The Wimbledon crowd, traditionally starved of such things, and never to be regarded as a hyper-critical bunch, took him at once to their pink and mushy hearts.

How they squealed, how they loved him! And how Rusedski loved it and them! Would the man never stop grinning and waving and throwing his sweatbands to the crowd? True, Rusedski was actually Canadian — tush! Details, details! Here was a victorious Wimbledon chap who said he was British, and that was more than good enough for Wimbledon crowds. Come on, Greg! Greg's grin got bigger and bigger: there is an animal called the megalomaniac shark, believe it or not, and that was Rusedski to a T in his golden summer of '95.

Our turbulent sister newspaper, *The Sun*, gave him a Union Jack bandana, and the way Greg wore it and won in it and waved it to the crowds as he reached the fourth round — well, let's say it brought a lump to the throat and leave it at that.

Fast forward to this year. Wimbledon has been upstaged by the football, and even at Wimbledon, Rusedski has been upstaged by almost everyone. No newspaper sent him a bandana; the *Daily Mirror* did not even send him a World War One tin hat.

In the first round he beat a Canadian called Daniel Nestor, which at least showed that our Canadians are better than theirs, but no one really noticed. We were all caught up with Tim Henman, who has overtaken Rusedski as British No.1. After his first-day heroics, he overtook Rusedski in the field of Wimbledonian love-objects. After all, Henman is British in a rather more British sort of way.

Yesterday, he was back on telly, finding more glory, while Rusedski was on No 14



Steven: four-set victory

most important shot in the game, the service, and he managed another 30 aces yesterday, while Steven hit a mere four. But Rusedski also served 12 double faults and crucially, three of them were in the third set tie-break, on which the match hinged.

Tennis is one of those sports that make conflicting, not to say contradictory demands on its devotees. Golfers must putt as well as drive; biathletes must shoot as well as ski. You cannot reach the heights of men's tennis without mastering the service, but that's no good if you have nothing to follow it.

Yesterday, Rusedski had very little. Thought, touch, such things were alien to him. The best thing that happened to him was a bad call: it was his sense of outrage at this that allowed him to pick himself up and take the second set. He showed great heart in a losing cause, you might say. This is a not altogether unfamiliar script.

Instead of the Union Jack, Rusedski wore a traditional British baseball cap, and was old-fashioned enough to wear the peak at the front. Afterwards, he talked about Gazzza, and poor old Southgate: "I'm glad I don't have to do that."

He was Steven, who won 7-6,

4-6, 7-6, 6-2. "He played better

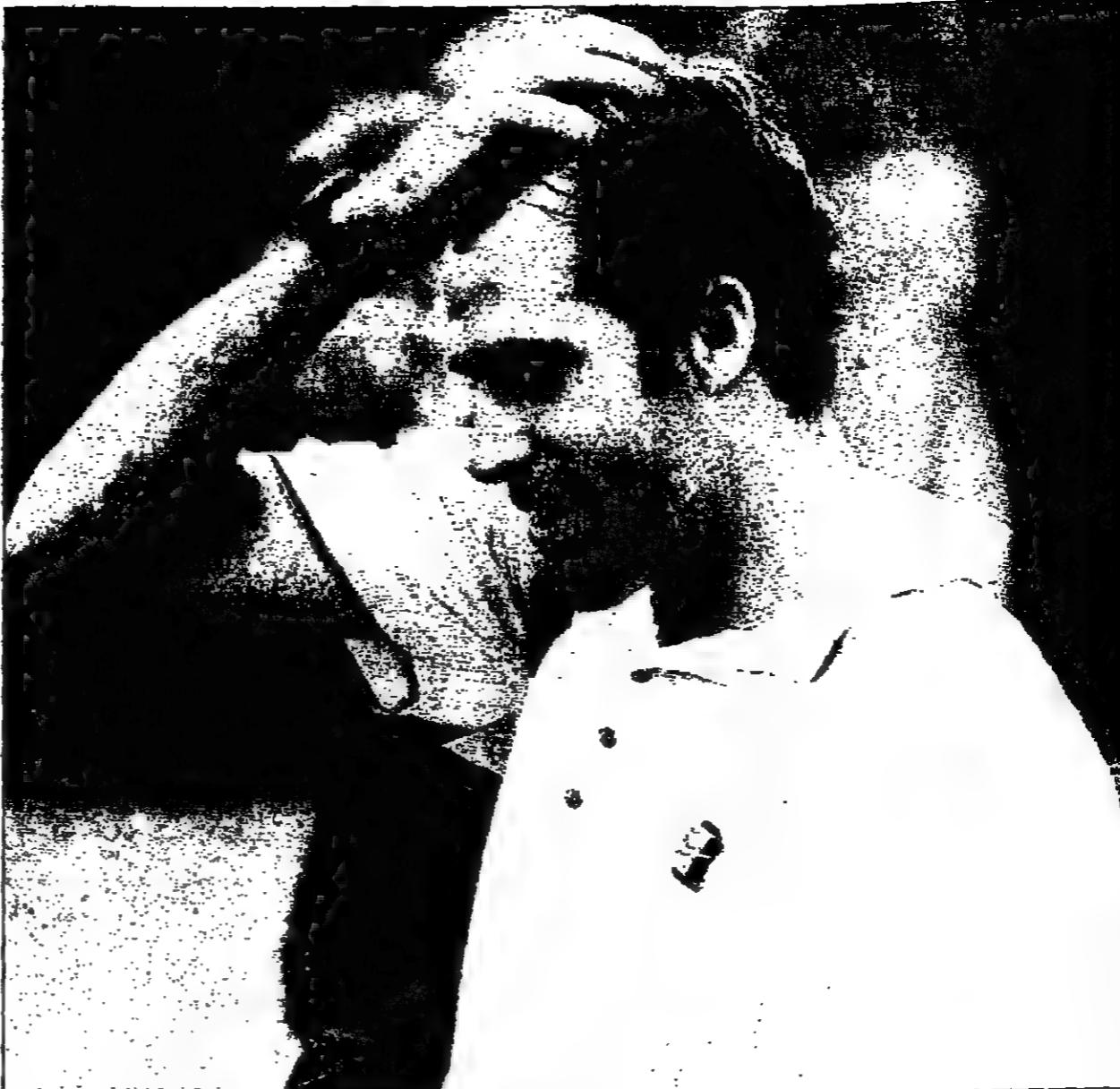
than I did on the big points,"

Rusedski explained, which is precisely how every tennis match in creation has been won and lost.

Rusedski has mastered the

in the end, there is a kind of oilish likability about him, despite the grin and the unfortunate episode of the Union Jack bandana. He threw sweatbands and cap to the crowd afterwards, a kind of abbreviated striptease, and they squeaked with Wimbledonian predictability, but one can forgive fun even this.

Because, well, he did his best in a difficult match, he showed heart, and after a difficult defeat, decent manners. Last year, he was a hero: this year, he is a gallant losing Brit. Greg Rusedski, consider yourself naturalised.



Rusedski manages a wry smile after his Wimbledon challenge came to a disappointing end on No 14 Court yesterday

Behind the scenes role suits Rafter

By ALIX RAMSAY

FAME IS A Fickle thing. Two

years ago, the cameras were lined up on No 1 Court to snap the latest hope of Australian tennis. Paul Rafter was about to break into the top 20 for the first time. He was, so the massed ranks of Australians hoped, the man who would, single-handed, return them to the great days of Laver and Rosewell. The crowds loved him, the girls adored him and all seemed well with the world.

He earned enough money to move to Bermuda — "it was either America, London, Bermuda or Monte Carlo, and I wanted to be somewhere warm" — buy himself a house and a boat and enjoy the good life. The only downside to life was the lack of decent surf in Bermuda. Rafter is, after all,

an Australian, and Australia

lions are born to surf... but it was not to last.

This year Rafter is back at Wimbledon, quietly making his way into the third round by beating Gianluca Pozzi 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.

Not that many people noticed. These days, the only Australian on the show courts is Mark Philippoussis: if you want to watch Rafter, you have to search for him. Yesterday he was out on No 11 Court — turn left at the gents and it is opposite the Portakabin by the sleeping bald people — but that is the way that Rafter likes it now.

His ranking has dropped back to 77, a long fight with a wrist injury keeping him away from the courts for some of last year, and a general disillusionment with tennis keeping him away from the lime-light for much of this. At the age of 21, he was a superstar and had started to

believe his own publicity. By 22, he was expected to live up to his reputation and now, at 23, he has learnt his lesson.

"I played a lot of tennis in '94," he said. "Going out there knowing everyone wanted me to win and with all those expectations, I didn't enjoy it at all. I guess '94 went to my head a little bit. I'm definitely behind the scenes now and, with Mark being the focus of attention, it takes the pressure off me. It's good to go about my work quietly."

He was certainly the quietest of the two yesterday. Pozzi, 31, is a battle-hardened old pro. His mug-shot in the media guide makes him look like a gangland hood, but in reality, he is softer than that and Rafter soon found his weaknesses. Pozzi's only response was a tirade of colourful Italian, most of which is better left untranslated.

Rafter now meets Marc Rosset, the No 14 seed, and victory there would put him through to the fourth round for the first time. Not that he likes to look at records much.

"I don't like to set myself goals, at least not ones that I'm going to talk about anyway," he said. "I am playing well and I don't want to lose; we'll just see what happens."

Like many a British player, he suffered from the national desperation to find a champion, and he has some sympathy with his fellow young hopefuls both in Great Britain and back home. "It's good that there is so much money spent in looking for young players," he said, "but the key is not to expect people to do well. Everything comes in cycles. The Aussies did well in the '50s and '60s, but, in the '90s, we are struggling. We just have to be patient."

RESULTS FROM THE ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's singles

Winner: £392,500

Runner-up: £192,250

Holder: P Sampras (Us)

Second round

P SAMPRAS (Us) bt M Philippoussis (Aus)

K Kucera (Czech) bt B Block (Zim) 4-6,

6-3, 6-3, 6-3

J Kretsch (Slovkia) bt C Wilkinson (GB) 1-

8, 7-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3

C PIOLINE (Fr) bt M R Jetley (GB) 6-1,

6-4, 6-2

S Stosur (Aus) bt M Larson (Us) 6-2, 1-6,

7-6, 6-2

B Steiner (Nz) bt G Rusedski (GB) 7-6, 4-6,

7-6, 6-2

R Knippek (Hol) bt D Rostegro (Us) 6-4,

6-3, 6-4

G Mervic (Croat) bt P Boureau (Fr) 7-5,

6-4

A Volker (Russ) bt M Damm (Cz) 7-6, 4-6,

4-6, 6-3

P Rafter (Aus) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-1, 7-6, 6-4,

6-4, 6-4

J Stoenberg (Aus) bt J Novak (Cz) 7-6, 6-

6-1

M Nastase (Ro) bt A Costa (Por) 4-6, 7-6, 3-6

7-5, 9-7

T Hennan (Aus) bt D E Sepulveda (GB) 6-1,

6-7, 6-0, 6-1

Women's singles

Winner: £53,000

Runner-up: £27,500

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Second round

S GRAF (Ger) bt N Baudoin (Il) 7-5, 6-3

N J Arendt (Us) bt C Ponel (Cze) 2-6, 6-2,

6-2

L M Wild (Us) bt A Fusai (Fr) 6-4, 6-2

M Hingis (Swit) bt R Virol (GB) 6-1, 6-1

6-3

N Tamelin (Fr) bt N Maleeva (Sui) 7-6, 3-

6-3

M KNOWLES (Barb) bt D O'NEST (Can) 4-

6, 6-3, 6-4

D N Brod (GB) and P Novot (SA) 4-

6, 6-3, 6-4

J Gobert (Fra) and R Rosenberg (Us) bt A

Kilner (Cze) and G Mandl (Aust) 3-6, 7-

5, 6-3, 6-4

M PIERCE (Fr) bt C Taylor (GB) 6-4, 6-2

E Lukovska (Russ) bt K M Adarme (Us) 6-

6, 6-3

J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt L Courtois (Bel) 7-6,

7-6, 6-2

N Medvedova (Ukr) bt R Hirad (Japan) 6-

6-3, 6-2

L Nalband (Lat) bt LA DAVENPORT (Us) 6-

3, 6-2

Women's doubles

Winners: £139,040

Runners-up: £29,300

Holder: J Novotna (Cz) and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp)

First round

P D SMYLS (Aus) and L M WILD (Us) bt K

Kochwendt (Ger) and F Leibet (Arg) 6-

6, 6-2

L M McNeil (Us) and N TAIZAT (Fr) bt N

Faber and D van Rooy (Bel) 7-6, 1-6,

6-4, 6-2

D A Bohm (Us) and M Pez (Arg) bt R

Bobkova and E Matichova (Cz) 5-7,

6-4, 6-2

L A DAVENPORT (Us) and M J

FERNANDEZ (Us) bt N K Klimstra (Ned) and Y Yoshida (Japan) 6-3,

6-4, 6-1

A DECHAUME-BALLET and S

TESTER (Fr) bt E R De Los (Us) and N J Taaffe (Aus) 6-3, 6-2

J NOVOTNA (Cz) and A SANCHEZ

VICARIO (Sp) bt A Pezzer and K PO

S Appelmann (Bel) and M Crombez (Bel)

bt M Kouststaal (Hol) and S H Park (Kor) 6-4, 6-2

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Kafelnikov maintains interest after dour struggle

By ALIX RAMSAY

YEVENGY KAFELNIKOV must love Wimbledon — he spends so much time at the place. After his lengthy match with Tim Henman on Tuesday, he was back at it again yesterday, spending 3½ hours trying to reach the second round of the men's doubles. Teamed up with Marc Goblinier, he finally did it, beating Bill Behrens and Matt Lucena 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, 6-7, 11-9.

The rate of pay for doubles may be considerably less than for the singles — comparing the two performances, Kafelnikov's hourly rate had dropped by a good £1,100 from Tuesday — but it is the only chance he has of a title this year at Wimbledon. As such, it was worth the fight, and yesterday he had to fight. In the muggy heat on No 16 Court, he looked less than cool in his long white shorts as Behrens and Lucena dug in for a scrap.

There was a bit of racket throwing, a little muttering and a fair amount of marching around in ever decreasing circles pondering the unfairness of it all. In between, there were the sort of rallies that had won Kafelnikov the French Open doubles title and all in all it was too much for the Americans.

Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, the No 2 seeds, from Australia, were having no such trouble. They got their campaign off to an impressive start, beating Dave Randall and Kent Kinneir, another American pair. Apart from a minor hiccup in the fourth set, it was plain sailing for the Australians as they won 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 and set about planning their route to a fourth consecutive title at the championships.

Like Kafelnik

GOLF

Montgomerie in no mood for anniversary party

FROM MEL WEBB IN PARIS

COLIN Montgomerie played a tune that is becoming ominously familiar, but from others there was nothing but sweet music. If the first round of the French Open yesterday had been an opera, the star tenor would have been boozed off stage and the chorus cheered to the rafters.

Montgomerie was celebrating his sixth wedding anniversary, but ensured that an evening in Paris last night with Eimear, his wife, would be a muted affair after a 73, one over par, that left him disgusted with himself, his game and, most particularly, his putting.

"I hit every fairway, but my irons were poor and my

putting was appalling," he said after taking 36 putts, three of them from 15 feet at the par-three 2nd at the French National course. "I'm getting a bit down on myself; bad putting has stopped me all year. The fairways are running, the greens are soft, so it's as easy as you'll find any golf course. Now I'm struggling to make the cut — it's ridiculous."

Somebody had been heard the day before describing Montgomerie as one of the three best putters in the world. He was having none of that. "They're wrong — very wrong," he said. "I'm nowhere near it. If I was among the top three putters in the world I'd

win every tournament the way I hit the ball. I've always missed too many short ones."

Somewhat surprisingly, the European No 1 seemed slightly ambivalent about taking steps to eradicate the problem.

"I've not sought advice. I just get on with it, it's easier that way," he said. "I am probably about ready to talk to somebody about it, though, because I've had enough of this." Exit one Scottish golfer, hating himself.

Meanwhile, a host of players jockeyed for position at the top of the scoreboard with Costantino Rocca taking over the starring role. On 66, six under par, he shares the lead with five others.

Like the rest of the field, Rocca had to exercise his patience through a 75-minute delay when early-morning fog took time to lift. When it did, and Rocca eventually got on the course, he wasted no time, stamping his authority on the tournament with a birdie on the tournament with a birdie on the 10th, his first.

He had another birdie on the 16th from four feet, then dropped a shot on the 17th but immediately retrieved it at the par-five 18th with two putts from 18 feet. Four birdies in the first five holes coming home and a bogey and book-balancing birdie on the 8th completed a small classic.

He smiled his broad and contented smile and admitted that his performance in the Open Championship last year, his confident play in the Ryder Cup match and recent victory in the Volvo PGA Championship had made him feel like a legitimate member of the big boys' club.

"I have been given confidence by my golf," he said. "It is a great feeling to play well. To win is the greatest feeling in the world." And so saying, he was gone; a man, it might be said, completely in tune with his game. Colin Montgomerie, on the other hand, was still out on the putting green battling with his inability to hit the right note or the right line, and, on this day at least, signally failing.

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Cup reserve Power shows her prowess

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

THE Curtis Cup at Killarney was won so the Great Britain and Ireland selectors cannot be embarrassed for the moment. This is just as well, given that it was the Irishwoman they did not pick who led the qualifiers for the matchplay stages of the British women's championship at the Royal Liverpool club, Hoylake, yesterday.

Eileen Rose Power, the 28-year-old former Irish champion from Kilkenny via Skibbereen, was first reserve for the Curtis Cup but she has not come to the Wirral in a fighting fury. Quietly determined she may be but Power is not a woman with an attitude problem. "I was disappointed not to make the team because I was in with a chance, but I've no point to prove," she said.

Mhairi McKay, the young Scot studying at Stanford in California, who played with distinction at Killarney, did, however, have something to prove, if only to herself. Not best pleased after an opening 82 in the worst of the weather, she blitzed round in 67, scattering birdsies as she went. There were nine in all. Includ-

ing four in five holes from the 13th to come home in 33, four under.

Power's second successive 72 for a total of 144, four under par, was proof enough that she had her game in order. On a benign day with only a hint of breeze, Power cruised out in 34, three under par, with birdies at the 1st, 6th and 8th holes. She was also to birdie the 16th, the last of three consecutive par fives, but dropped shots at the 11th and 12th.

The former, known as the Alps, is a picturesque but fiendish par three of 172 yards, protected, as its name suggests, by sizeable dunes. There is also a canally placed bunker and making par is an accomplishment. In the first round, however, Robin Weiss, an American with a striking resemblance to former US Women's Open champion Amy Alcott, went two better, holing in one with a three-iron.

Kelli Kuehne, the Texan who was the star of the first round with a 69, found the game more difficult in the second when she needed 80 blows.

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SAILING

Gosling holds on to lift world title

AT THE fourth time of trying, Adam Gosling, of Great Britain, and his crew of David Howlett and Mark Covell on board Yes!, won the Hackett Echells world championship at Cowes yesterday after a thrilling battle with the experienced American, Jud Smith (Edward Gorman writes).

It was a nail-biting climax for the two crews, who went to the start line for the sixth and last race separated by just four points, and with Smith knowing that he had to beat Gosling and hope that at least one other boat did so too.

They started in a light westerly which suited the

American, and at the first mark Smith, in sixth, went round two places ahead of Gosling. The Briton then opted to go his own way down the run and went low, a tactic which almost lost him the championship as the two emerged at the leeward mark with Smith up to third place and Gosling down in eleventh.

At the windward mark for the second time, Smith was leading the fleet and Gosling had sailed superbly to be in second place around 30 seconds behind him. The positions remained unchanged as the two leaders went round the mark for the final time for the

beat that was to decide the championship.

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Gosling, however, held his nerve and crossed the finish line seven seconds behind Smith and just ahead of the third-placed Steve Wright, another American.

It was enough to give Gosling the overall title by one point from Smith on *Danger One*, who was crewed by Steve Bacchus and David Rose.

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On screen or off, Englishmen behaving sadly

This week has been hard enough on the nerves of the English male without bashing their exposed ends with a mallet. Men are locking themselves in bathrooms and refusing to come out. The words "penalty" and "Southgate" make them whimper and clamp their hands to their ears. But on the other hand it was undeniably a pretty bad night for male representation or telly last night; whoever does their PR is getting all wrong.

"I quite like getting athlete's foot," confessed Tony to Dorothy in *Men Behaving Badly*, with a faraway smile. "It makes me feel wanted. You see, this little fungus has chosen me — Tony — to live on." While Dorothy was absorbing this rather startling information on BBC1 at 9.30pm, a video diary unfolded on BBC2, in which a *Chester drugs* detective documented the excitement of bashing people's doors down, and

his family complained he was never home. Even his athlete's foot wasn't sure if it loved him. Simultaneously on ITV, *SAS — The Soldier's Story* told of a hushed-up Falklands War operation in which SAS men took a gun-ho slodge-mite to Argentina, undertaking a suicide mission to cause explosions and spike the enemy's guns. Athlete's foot — however needly and appealing — stood no chance with these blokes at all.

Video Diaries: Chester PD Blue was a strangely depressing film. Especially *Chester* has a terrible drugs problem, and Detective Constable Tim Roberts is a member of a "proactive" team which lays traps for dealers, chases them in cars and bashes their doors down. This all needs to be done, of course; and to have real, wobbly footage of a sometimes glamourised world is certainly valuable. "Get your arm off

me neck" yelled a man whose fortified door (with huge iron bolts) was taken away as evidence. When the team bursts into a house, it first takes the precaution of smashing the waste pipe outside, so that flushed drugs can be removed. That's clever, isn't it? And also fun. Roberts took his camera into some pretty hairy places. I never thought to see a racial search on television, for start. In the recent series *Airport*, when the customs officers gleefully snapped those nasty white rubber gloves against their wrists (and a Colombian peasant looked glum), the door would gently shut and leave the next bit to the imagination.

Roberts decided not to show his family in the finished film. "Maybe I'm paranoid," he said, but it seemed sensible enough to me. In fact, wasn't it reckless to record the CID Christmas party? But this absence

which cost a fortune in man-hours and surely solved nothing at all.

This selective blindness was disturbing and it was hardly helped by those intense, late-night, straight-to-camera confessions that are the staple of *Video Diaries*. In terms of self-absorption, this stuff ranks with crying while looking in a mirror. "I'm tired, I'm fed up, I feel completely worthless," say people on *Video Diaries*. And I always feel like snapping "Well, go to bed, then, and turn the camera off." Roberts was studying for an extramural degree — it was psychology. He was writing an essay on the unconscious. Oh dear.

Back at home, the unseen wife and children grew unsurprisingly impatient. Roberts felt sorry that he couldn't satisfy their demands, but on the other hand kept up the extramural degree. If I'd been his

wife I'd have left him. In fact, when he made his last confession into the camera — "This is being really shell-shocked" — I assumed he had got home to find the walls spray-painted with "I've gone, I've been gone for weeks". But in fact his big news was a promotion, which would put him into uniform. While filled with conflicting emotions about leaving his chums, he tried on the hat for us to see. A very confused person, he was. "What do you think?" he said.

Exuse the unusual downheartedness. It has been a very long week. On Wednesday night I aged ten years. And it doesn't help when the telly inadvertently rubs it in. Back at *Men Behaving Badly*, Gary and Tony talked about girlie words and men's words. Girlie words included "loo", "doobie" and "sliplop"; men's words were "carburetor" and "penalty shoot-

out". Penalty shoot-out? On such a day as this? Ouch.

Against all this, it was nice to see Denis Healey in *The Travel Show* (BBC2) promoting the attractions of the South Downs — a vision of green slopes and scudding shadows topped off with a chat at Charleston and a pub lunch at Firle. "Edna, I, come rain or shine, come walking here every Sunday," said Healey, indicating the Seven Sisters rising grandly. *The Travel Show* is not noted for its depth of reporting, but it was just a relief to see England's green and pleasant land without thinking of doomed football anthems.

After his walk, Healey visited a pub on the cliffs where the beer is brewed by a man called Stefano. Together they caroused in Italian, singing "Avanti popolo! Anari popolo!" And it was very nice to see somebody so happy.

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REVIEW



Lynne Truss

of a broader picture — even of his own domestic life — was the disturbing thing about his diary. Just like the SAS men following orders, the footsoldiers of the war against crime seem to focus too closely on the immediate. They have no interest in the bigger story. Track down small fry and arrest them! That's the job. A long-term operation at a nightclub resulted in the netting of a tiny toddler,

6.00am Business Breakfast (27770)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (50401)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (293577)
9.20 Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade: Tricks of the Bread Trade (i) (7283190)
9.30 The Natural World: Gentle jaws of the Serengeti. Wildlife documentary looking at a clan of spotted hyenas (i) (Ceefax) (2428577)
10.20 FILM: A Yank in Ermine (1955) with Peter Thompson and Noelle Middleton American alman Joe Turner travels to England to take up his inheritance. Directed by Gordon Patty (63897206)
12.00 News (Ceefax) (7813190)
12.05pm Going for Gold (s) (8093732)
12.30 For the Love of It: A Swimmer's Story (29834190)
12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (4528886)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (68428)
1.30 Regional News and weather (72362577)
1.40 Wimbledon 96. Action from day five of the championships (29538206)
5.35 Neighbors. All bets are off at Chez Chez. Kerfuffles a new medical challenge and Jo brings the house down on Melbourne Cup day (i) (Ceefax) (s) (978598)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (751)
6.30 Regional News magazines (913)
7.00 Top of the Pops. The latest hits, together with exclusive live performances and pre-chart sounds and new videos (Ceefax) (s) (4119)
7.30 FUTURE FANTASTIC: I, Robot , Gillian Anderson assesses the prospect of intelligent robots (Ceefax) (516)
8.00 Big Break. Jim Davidson hosts the snooker game show in which celebrity players pit on behalf of contestants with cash and prizes at stake. Tonight's pros are Steve Davis and Neil Foulds (Ceefax) (3867)
8.30 The Olympic Game. Steve Rider hosts the new sports quiz with team captains Daley Thompson and Steve Cram, and guest Olympians: swimmers Shirley-Elliott and gymnast Neil Thomas (3874)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (6312)
9.30 Michael Buerk presents another chance to see some of the most dramatic reconstructions from the series (Ceefax) (s) (646003)
10.20 Today at Wimbledon. Sue Barker introduces the best of today's play and focuses on stories in and around the courts (Ceefax) (s) (825111)
11.20 Cross of Fire. Concluding the two-part miniseries based on the true story of D.C. Stephenson, the leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana (i) (Ceefax) (s) (477389)
12.55 FILM: Night of the Big Heat (1967) with Christopher Lee, Peter Cushing and Patrick Allen. An alien life form invades a British island (4383766)
2.28pm Weather (1277891)

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7.00am Unsan (56747) 9.00 Press 104 Lucy (471747) 9.25 London Connection (59572) 9.45 London Eye (502916) 10.40 (567119) 11.10 Sally West, Raphael (555041) 12.00 Squeaks (61954) 12.30 Murphy Brown (562916) 1.00 Hotel (57180) 1.30 Goldilocks (52456) 2.00 Open Window (563138) 5.00 Last Urchin (663318) 5.00 Quantum Leap (5206) 6.00 Space Precinct (74916) 7.00 L.A.P.D. (56851) 7.30 M*A*S*H (5461) 8.00 Goldilocks (56746) 8.30 The Return of the Jedi (56683) 8.45 Jimmy's (5190) 9.00 Quantum Leap (44799) 12.00 The Return of the Jedi (51323) 12.30 Mermaids and Other Wonders (675358) 1.30 The Edge (2952) 2.00 Hot Mix (8029416)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

9.30am Century (6051) 10.00 ABC Nightline (5916) 1.30 24 Hours (56251)

2.00 The Weather (570955) 3.30 The Weather (59531) 4.00 Good Morning Britain (562518) 5.30 Entertainment (562518) 6.00 The Weather (570955) 11.30 BBC News (5542) 1.30 Tonight (11071) 2.00 Worldwide Report (3862) 3.30 The Times (40707) 4.30 CBS News (56747) 5.00 LBC News (71265)

SKY MOVIES

Kosam Mighty Joe Young (2845)

King Solomon's Mines (1950) 10.00 OH Heavenly Dog! (56118) 12.00 The Aviator (1985) (188204) 12.30 Night Train to Kathmandu (1988) 13.30 Run Wild, Run Free (1988) 14.30 Run Wild, Run Free (1988) 15.00 The Player (1992) 16.00 Wagons West (22457) 11.35 The Collector II: The Hunt (1992) 1.30 1.00cm Beasts and Geests: A Love Story (1993) (72931) 2.40 The Body (1988) (6554720) 4.10 Night Train to Kathmandu (1988) 7.7701

SKY MOVIES GOLD

Former Female (1983) (8313) 2.00pm Ninotchka (1939) (55680) 4.00

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Venables leaves the impossible job well done



Venables optimistic

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

FOLLOWING the first rule of show business, like the shrewd old star he is, Terry Venables left the crowd calling for more when the curtain fell on his 2½-year run as England football coach. Venables's contract runs out on Sunday, the day on which England should have won the European championship. But defeat by Germany, those traditional wreckers of dreams, brought the bout of reflection, assessment and, yes, a very unEnglish touch of self-congratulation forward a few days. There was even a trademark wiggle of the eyebrows, just for old time's sake.

"I shan't be far away," he said. "Only in Kensington." But probably not for long. Though Venables intimated that life after Euro 96 had not existed until the last sorrow had been drowned late into Wed-

nsey night, the telephone will not go quiet on one of Europe's most respected coaches. The shame of it all is that the callers will probably speak in foreign accents, not in the measured English of an official of the Football Association. Venables said it would be "extremely doubtful" if he would work for the FA again, which seemed to rule him out of the vacancy for technical director.

Venables's timing is impeccable. Not only has he taught an England team to think on its feet, an achievement beyond most of his predecessors, he has managed to depart the "impossible job", as Graham Taylor described it, smelling of roses. Not even Sir Alf Ramsey managed that. Venables has moulded a team of young talent and experienced professionals, capable of matching the best the Continent can offer not just with

the standard English virtues of heart and sinew but on their own terms, in the mind. It will be a long time before the Dutch, traditional inhabitants of a different footballing planet, lose the bruises from their fall to earth.

"The players have become men for all seasons," Venables said. "If

there is a battle, they can handle it, but they have proved they can be intelligent, move opponents out of position and make chances at the highest level. The victory over Holland was particularly satisfying. It was a battle of wits and the style in which we won it was great.

"One of the most satisfying things has been the openness of minds, which is terrific for players used to doing things their own way. Going to a tournament and carrying through a plan, that gave me a tremendous feeling." Wit, intelligence, open-mindedness. These are new words in the English footballing vocabulary. Yet to see an England side sing a rhapsody in indigo blue, provide a two-hour exhibition of neat inter-passing, patience and change of pace, albeit unfulfilled on the night, was reward enough after the nation's clubs fell from Europe last season like conkers in autumn.

The buck must now be passed to Glenn Hoddle and the managers in the FA Carling Premiership. Will they — and supporters paying £30 for a seat — tolerate the sort of patient move which once brought Sheringham from a position deep

into German territory on the right all the way back to Adams, 30 yards from the England goal, and then into a forward dart which led to a header narrowly wide by Sheares? Or have the confidence to sanction the sort of fluidity that allows a player to drop out of the mainstream in order to find space, as Cantona does so adeptly for Manchester United and Gascoigne is learning to do for England?

"There has been a lot said about whether our players are good enough," Venables said. "It's the dilemma of the Premier League and international football. If we can solve it, it will be a great step forward. We have to get continuity."

Young lions such as McManaman, Anderton, Barnby and the Neville brothers now have a responsibility to play chess as well as draughts back at their clubs.

The players dispersed to the sun and the beaches yesterday for a well-earned rest. Venables said his goodbyes in the morning. "It was a very strange feeling, not sad, not good, just different. We've been together all this time, been so close, then everyone goes their separate ways. The spirit has got stronger and stronger, just like the crowd's.

"We've left a basis of confidence and, if that continues, we can be very optimistic about the future. I've loved every minute of the job. It's been terrific, but I don't feel that bad about leaving it."

What Venables's future holds outside football is more questionable. The courtroom will replace the bootroom as his natural habitat for the next year as he tries to restore a reputation which, in footballing terms, will be irrevocably linked to 12 days of bliss in the summer of 1996.

Wimbledon champion gains revenge on Centre Court for defeat by Philippoussis

Sampras calls shots in duel of the big guns

BY DAVID MILLER

MARK PHILIPPOUSSIS has an intimidating physique, a cross between an Olympic sprinter and a shot putter; 6ft 4in and 14st of power. He fires bullets across the tennis net. Yesterday he was abruptly stopped in his tracks on Centre Court by Pete Sampras.

The Wimbledon singles champion gained emphatic revenge for the straight-set defeat that Philippoussis, the 19-year-old Greek-Australian, had inflicted upon him in this year's Australian Open. Philippoussis was bursting gaskets and getting nowhere. Sampras won their third round encounter 7-6, 6-4, 6-4, with never a flicker of doubt, and left the youngster groping for words afterwards as well as shots on court.

Goran Ivanisevic, the fourth seed, was also upholding the frayed reputation of the seed-commitee, thumping his left-handed way past Pierre



helping me to keep calm".

Philippoussis, who tends to change coach speculatively in pursuit of his ambition to break into the world's top 20, needs advice not on serving but return of service.

In a match that threatened

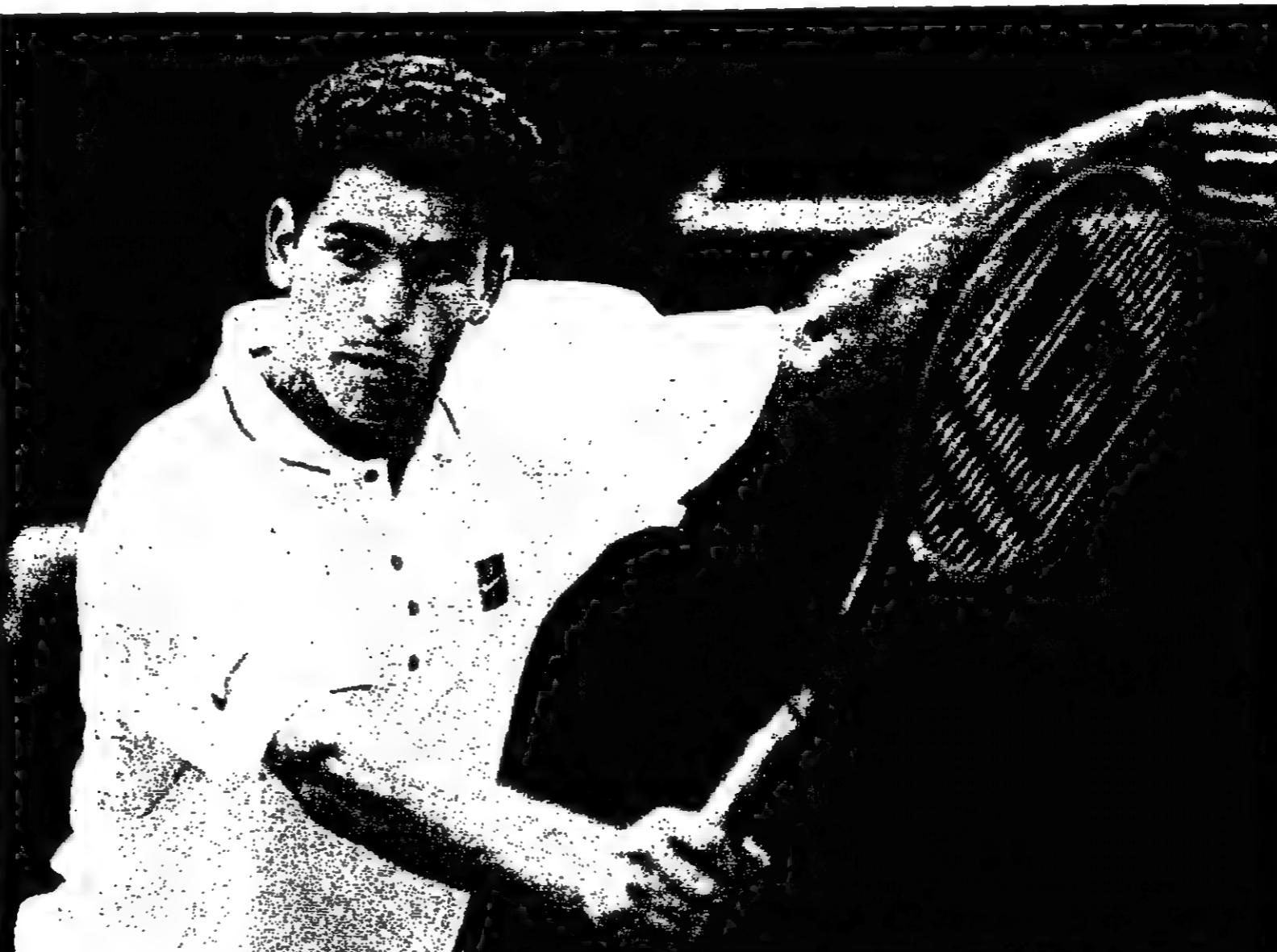
to a standstill, the best he achieved against Sampras's own relentless delivery on any game was 30-15. The score progressed with as much variation as one of those fairground machines on which you hammer a plate to raise a ball vertically in an attempt to ring a bell. The only music was coming from Sampras.

The half-dozen break points were all his. Philippoussis has the armoury become formidable but needs to broaden his touch. Searching in the aftermath of defeat for reassurance, all he could find was the satisfaction he had felt when he saved a set point in the first set at 6-5 before surrendering the tie-break.

"When I'm nervous, my feet don't work," he admitted, and there were times yesterday when his feet must have felt a long way away. He conceded that Sampras had seemed more determined than in their encounter at Flinders Park, and said it was strange that he had been more nervous at Wimbledon than in front of his own Melbourne crowd. "His second shot was often great, and I missed a lot," Philippoussis said.

Sampras, for the first time in weeks, looked fresh and bright-eyed, a different man from the one who laboured in the heat of Paris at last month's French Open. A quick victory, instead of lengthy labour, was just what he needed in his pursuit of a fourth consecutive title. He smiled at talk of their mutual Greek heritage. "I guess we look pretty similar, with thick eyebrows," Sampras said.

On the grass on which he is the supreme player, Sampras was in his element. "Mark was phenomenal in Australia, but this was very different," he reflected. "Today, I played the big points a little bit better, returned a little bit better. There wasn't that much difference in strategy. Physically, I



Sampras is a study in concentration as he plays a backhand return on his way to a victory over Philippoussis at Wimbledon yesterday

feel fine, though I was glad of the short points."

The champion remains unconcerned about his public image, the accusation by some that his efficiency is boring.

"You're not going to see any cartwheels out there, any jokes," he said. "I'm just going to go out and play."

Asked about suggestions that the All England Club might at some stage change from a grass surface, Sampras said that it would be "the biggest mistake for the game and the club that they could possibly make."

Steffi Graf, the women's top seed and champion, strolled for a while against Nathalie Baudone, of Italy, before winning 7-5, 6-3. There were times during the second set when she appeared to be limping, though she was reluctant to discuss this. "I've been having

enough injuries and I've talked about them more than enough," she said dismissively. "I live with them."

She considered that early on she had been playing too deep, that this had suited Baudone and that she should have tested her with more drop

shots. She reflected that the visibility towards the end of a grey afternoon was such that "if it had been cricket, they would have called tea time. It was really dark out there and I was just hoping that I would get the match through".

Graf's likely opponent in the last 16 — her next match but

one — is Martina Hingis, the 15-year-old Swiss prodigy, who yesterday disposed of Rachel violet for the loss of only two games. Violet had just become the British No 1 by virtue of her first-round victory over her compatriot Megan Miller, the pair resident in Florida. Hingis, the former Wimbledon junior champion, was hammered by Graf in the opening round last year on her first senior appearance but will carry some optimism in the light of her victory over Graf in the Italian Open this year.

Strange scheduling found Mary Pierce, the No 13 seed, on a non-show court against Clair Taylor, of Britain. Pierce won in straight sets but the four games she dropped in the first set suggest that the combination of mind and game is not yet fully in tune.

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Gustafsson, of Sweden, or Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, the eleventh seed, for a place in the last eight. Henman contemplates the prospect calmly though he, and David Felgate, his coach, are disappointed that the tournament schedule has forced him to play on four consecutive days; possibly five, if he has to play doubles tomorrow.

"I'm not unhappy," Henman said in his understated way, "but maybe it's

something they should look at. Some have not played between Monday and Thursday, while I seem to be spending all my time on court."

In theory, he should have no difficulty against Milligan. He has never previously met either Ferreira, the man who has single-handedly restored South African prestige, or Gustafsson.

"They could have given him

Wednesday off instead of a

late call on No 1 Court and scheduled him Thursday and Saturday," Felgate said, "but it's not going to make any difference to him." Thrilled by his pupil's performance against Kafelnikov, his first victory over an opponent ranked in the world's top ten, Felgate was as delighted yesterday by the service power.

"It's the belief that he can hit it that hard," Felgate said.

"We had a training session in February, in which he hit as hard as he could on every serve. It's not a matter of strength, but applying the strength. If you don't do that at this level, you don't win."

Henman said he was pleased the way his service was shaping, but stressed he is not yet approaching the power of Ivanisevic, Sampras and the rest of the big-hitters.

He was cautious about today's match. "We know each other's game," he said, "and to come through two five-setters, Laine's obviously playing very well."

Henman stretches to return a forehand against Sapsford

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Bonn and Prague set to heal rift at Wembley summit

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A DIPLOMATIC breakthrough in the simmering row between Germany and the Czech Republic may be achieved on or behind the Wembley terraces when Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and Vaclav Klaus, the Czech Prime Minister, meet at the weekend to watch the Euro 96 final.

Relations between Prague and Bonn have been frosty for months and there is said to be strong personal animosity between Mr Klaus and the Chancellor. Germany has come to terms with all of its neighbours over the Second World War, apart from the Czech Republic.

Now it seems that the Germans and Czechs may be ready to bridge their differences at an informal Wembley summit. "After weeks of newspaper rhetoric about soccer wars, it would be very satisfactory to iron out a dispute in a meeting in a soccer stadium," a diplomat said in Bonn.

Whether ordinary Czechs will view it in the same light remains to be seen. "It will be revenge for the Sudetens," a Czech fan interviewed by German television said.

The critical issue is the historical treatment of a 2.5 million Sudetens, ethnic

Germans, who were expelled from Czechoslovakia in 1945-46. Czechs felt, and many still feel, that the Sudetens betrayed their country by welcoming Hitler's invasion in 1938. The Sudetens were often brutally treated, pushed into cattle trucks or forced to trek on foot with only a suitcase of belongings. The Czechs argue that these sufferings were a trifle compared to the Nazi occupation.

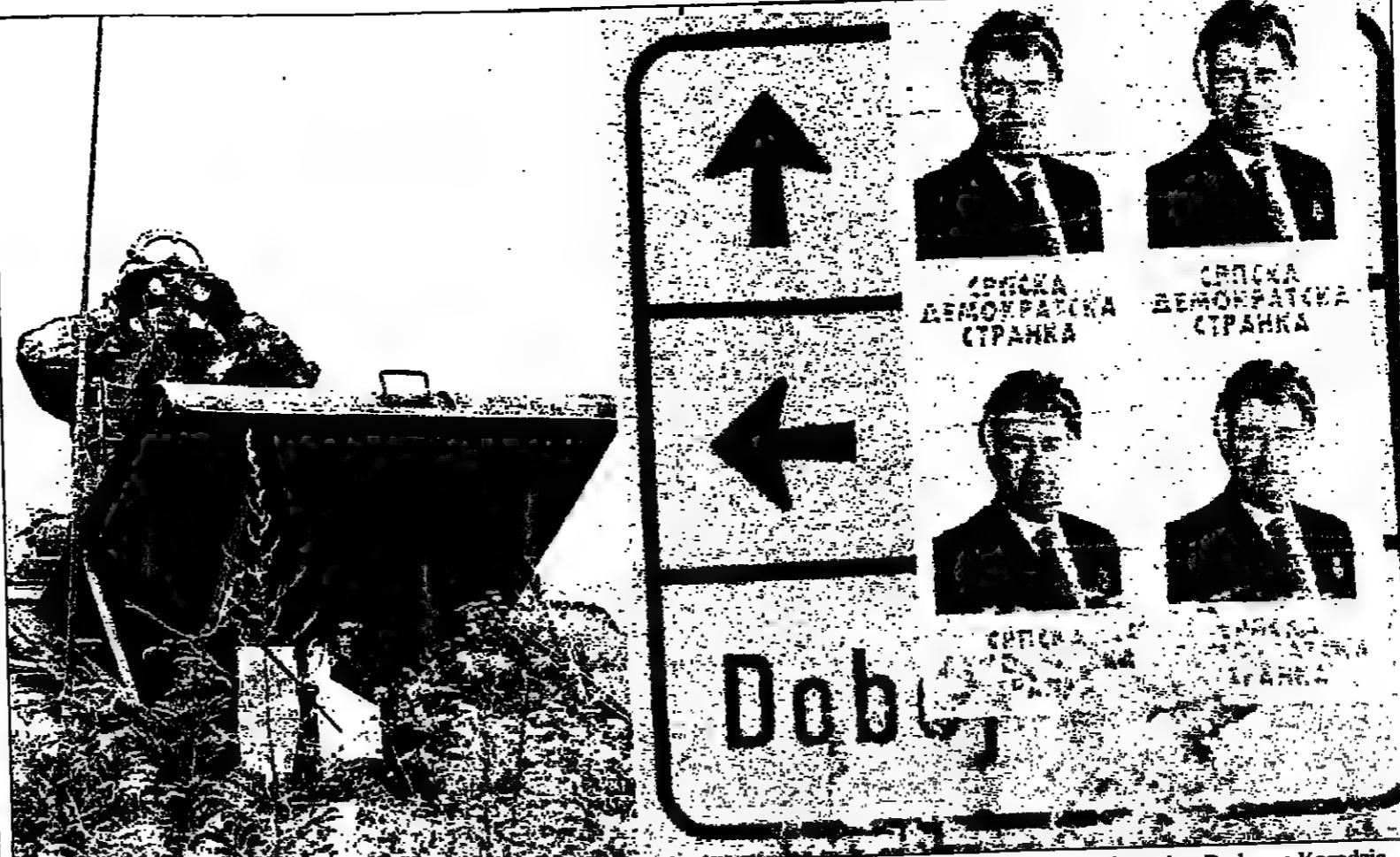
The lobby representing the Sudetens and their relations carries considerable political clout in Bavaria, where most of them settled. Since the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) is one of the government coalition partners, that has made for a prickly relationship with Prague.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister and leader of the CSU, recently addressed Sudeten exiles and questioned Prague's European credentials. Mr Klaus struck back: "I am not prepared or willing to hear statements like these from such important representatives of the federal German Government."

The Bonn Government wants a public apology from the Czechs for their treatment of the Sudetens. But the

process of working out a joint declaration with Germany has been hampered by the uncertain outcome of the Czech election, which left Mr Klaus with a minority Government. A sticking point in the coalition talks has been the identity of the new minister in charge of negotiating European entry. The Czech Foreign Ministry is reluctant to surrender that responsibility: Mr Klaus wants to keep control of the long bargaining with Brussels.

The arguments over the joint declaration have robbed the Chancellor of one of his favourite poses: champion of eastward enlargement of the European Union. The longer the dispute continued, the more it seemed to the Czechs as if Herr Waigel and the CSU were making a Sudeten settlement into a fixed condition for European entry.



An American military policeman on duty yesterday near a road sign at Doboj with election campaign posters featuring Radovan Karadzic

Karadzic sends his lawyer to Bosnia war crimes hearing

BY BEN MACINTYRE

RADOVAN KARADZIC, the Bosnian Serb leader and alleged war criminal, implicitly recognised the legitimacy of the Bosnian War Crimes Tribunal at The Hague yesterday when his lawyer demanded access to the court to prepare a possible case for his defence on charges of mass murder and "ethnic cleansing".

Dr Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, his military commander, have been indicted on charges of genocide and top the list of the tribunal's most-wanted men, but both remain at large in Bosnian Serb territory.

The tribunal at The Hague yesterday began "Rule 61" hearings into the Karadzic and Mladic cases, a legal mechanism allowing the prosecution to present its case and increase international pressure for the arrest of the two

men, but which falls short of a trial in absentia.

The hearings were briefly delayed yesterday when Igor Pantelic, a Belgrade lawyer acting on behalf of Dr Karadzic, asked for permission to sit in on the court to examine the evidence against the two men "with a view to preparing a possible defence". The court, however, ruled that Mr Pantelic could have full access to case files and prosecution documents only if he was accompanied by the Bosnian Serb leaders at a formal trial.

Judge Claude Jorda said that Mr Pantelic could stay in the court for the reading of the charges but would then have to sit in the public gallery for the rest of the hearing.

Prosecutors clearly fear that releasing their files before Dr Karadzic and General Mladic

are in custody could lead to interference.

More than a dozen witnesses are expected to testify against the two men during the seven-day hearing. The indictments allege that from the earliest days of the Bosnia conflict, Dr Karadzic and General Mladic co-ordinated atrocities and mass murder of non-Serbs, which prosecutors described as "scenes from hell, written on the darkest pages of human history".

At the end of the hearings the judges will probably issue an international arrest warrant for the two men.

The tribunal yesterday charged eight Bosnian Serbs with the rape and torture of Muslim women in Foca, southwest Bosnia, in 1992 and 1993. The charges are the first to concentrate on rape as a war crime.

Mostar poll likely to bolster ethnic divide

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN MOSTAR

CITIZENS in the bitterly divided city of Mostar will vote on Sunday in Bosnia's first postwar election, which is widely expected to cement the ethnic division of the medieval town despite a two-year attempt by the European Union to reunite it.

Some 2,500 UN troops have been deployed to provide security for the elections because officials on both sides fear a renewal of ethnic violence when thousands of refugees return to cast their ballots. Muslims and Croats fought a brutal war in 1993 which was ended with a peace deal that never solved the issues behind the fighting.

In the wake of that conflict, the EU set up an international administration in Mostar in 1994 with the aim of uniting the city, whose pre-war population of approximately 126,000 was 34.8 per cent

Muslim, 33.8 per cent Croat and 19 per cent Serb.

Two years and hundreds of thousands of pounds later, Mostar remains bitterly divided. Croats still occupy the thriving west bank of the Neretva river and Muslims the devastated east bank. Virtually all the Serbs are gone.

Voters will elect one mayor, and a city council, but the results are predetermined, based on a formula that allocates a certain number of seats to each ethnic group. Because the governor of the Mostar canton is a Muslim, both sides have agreed that the mayor will be a Croat.

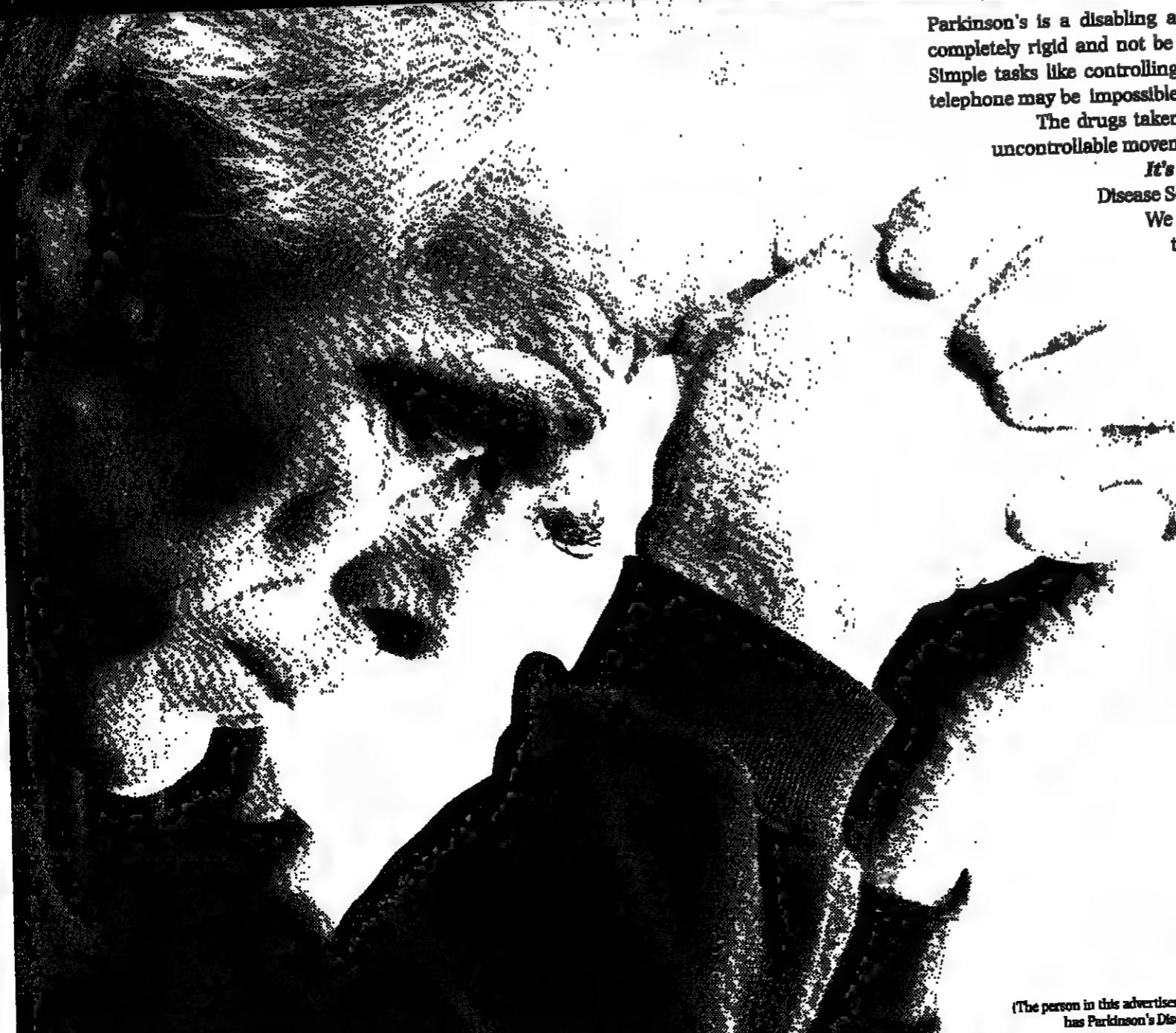
The Mostar elections are widely perceived as a test case for nationwide elections on September 14.

However, the overwhelming apathy on both sides is likely to cement the power of the nationalists.



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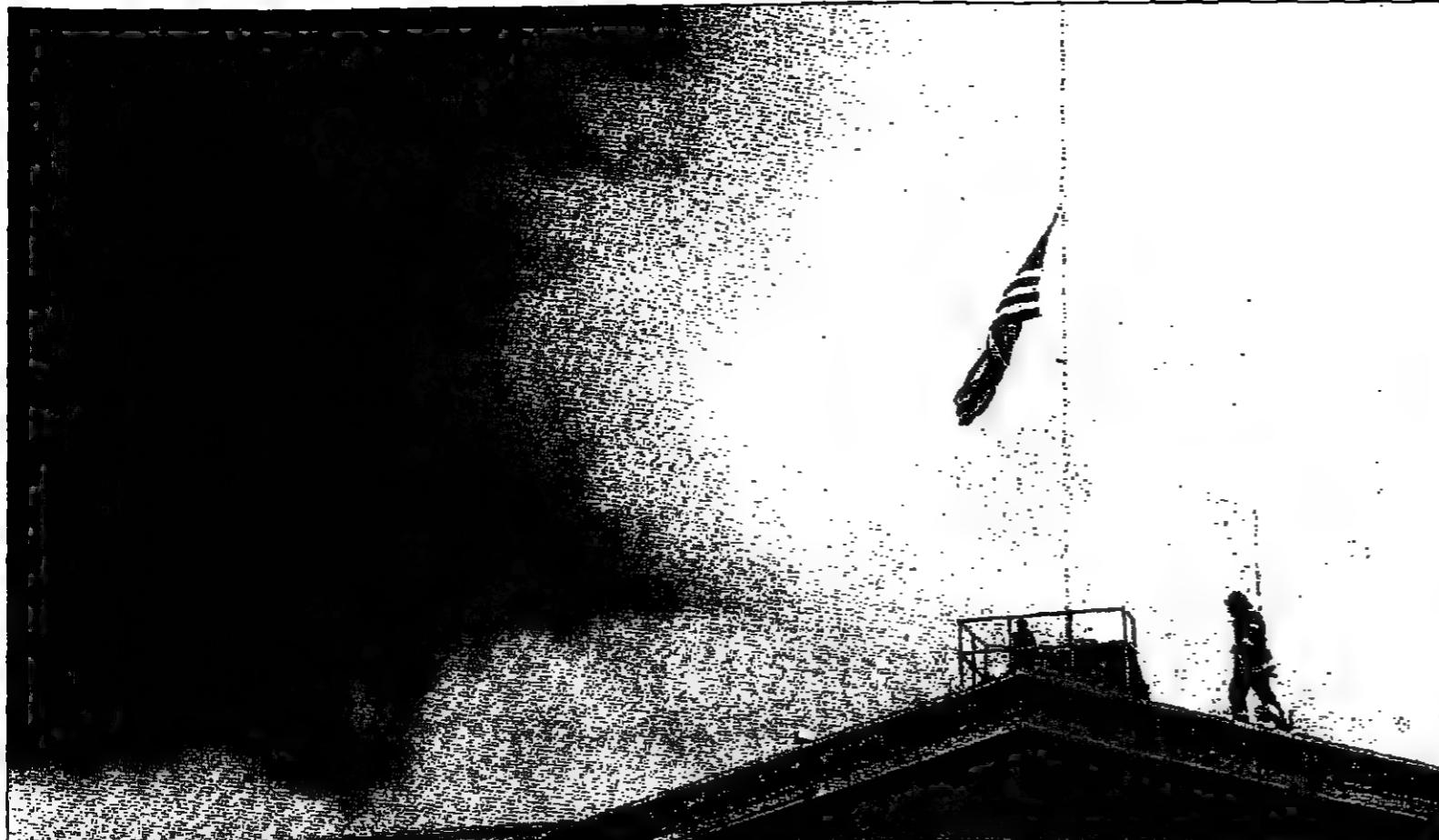
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Fire halts work at US Treasury

nearly four hours to bring the flames under control and seven were treated in hospital for heat exhaustion. The fire chief, Otis Latin, said their work under the vaulted roof was made difficult by the warren of offices.

many with false ceilings that had to be attacked with axes and chainsaws to reach the flames. The fire started in building materials left on the roof during restoration work. Treasury workers were given the day off

yesterday while officials checked reports of asbestos in the materials. Many documents were lost in the international affairs department on the damaged fifth floor, but no money was stored in the building.

The columned Treasury covers five acres and is the largest Greek revival structure in the world.

Flying Elvis killed in nightclub stunt

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

THREE skydiving Elvis impersonators were in mourning yesterday for their fourth colleague, who died after the team was blown off course by high winds during a nightclub opening in Boston.

The four stunt artists from the Honeymoon in Vegas skydiving team, complete with fringed jump suits, slicked-back hair and sunglasses, were supposed to fly over the WaterWorks club and land in a nearby parking area.

Instead, the gusting winds pulled two of the skydivers into Boston Harbour, a third into a street and the fourth, fatally, into the South Hills Yacht Club, Raymond Sayles, 41, of Las Vegas, died soon after he slammed into a wooden barrier off the stage. He suffered severe head and chest injuries.

New York aims for polite force

BY TOM RHODES

AFTER more than a decade of nurturing the rudest police force in America, New York is now offering promotion and prizes to officers who exude politeness.

He said that each member of the team was a licensed skydiver and had been performing as part of the Flying Elvises for many years. "We are all seasoned professionals and normally we can handle this, but tragically didn't go the way we had planned."

The parachuting troupe is just a small part of the burgeoning Elvis Presley industry in Las Vegas including the notorious Elvis wedding, an event at which impersonators offer a sickly rendition of *Love Me Tender* as the happy couple join hands.

Military school must drop all-male rule

BY IAN BRODIE

THE US Supreme Court has ruled that an all-male military school in Virginia must admit women to its physically and mentally grueling programme or it will have to lose its state funds.

The seven-to-one endorsement of sexual equality was celebrated by women's groups who saw it as strengthening their position in other fights they are engaged in to win support for women's athletics programmes and to open up more job opportunities to women.

The court's opinion was written by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who made her name as an advocate for women's rights before joining the bench.

Justice Bader said that an alternative programme for women at the Virginia Military Institute served the state's

sons, yet it made no provision for its daughters.

An alternative programme for women, said the judge, was but a pale shadow of the male course and did not amount to equal protection under the American Constitution.

Conservative groups were dismayed and so was Justice Antonin Scalia, who, dissenting, lamented that the enemies of single-sex education had won. "I do not think any of us, women included, will be better off for its destruction," he said.

The decision also affects The Citadel in South Carolina, the only other all-male military school run by an American state, where Shannon Faulkner won admittance as a cadet under a court order last year. She dropped out after a week, complaining of isolation and harassment by male cadets.

FBI hunts for clues to Iranian link

Dhahran bombing claimed by second Islamic group

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT
AND MICHAEL BINION, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, IN LYONS

A SECOND previously unknown group, Hezbollah-Gulf, last night claimed responsibility for the explosion in which 19 American servicemen in Saudi Arabia were killed, as FBI agents hunted for clues to discover whether the attack was carried out with Iranian backing.

The claim, being treated as potentially serious by Western security experts, came in a statement in Arabic read to a news agency in the Gulf. Hezbollah (the Party of God) is closely linked to Tehran and only last month, another new wing of the organisation, Hezbollah-Bahrain, was named by the authorities as behind a plot to overthrow the pro-Western Bahraini regime.

"In the name of God the merciful, Hezbollah-Gulf declares its total responsibility for the Saudi explosion. We threaten to carry out more attacks," Dr Masari said. In Iran, Hezbollah is the name used to describe Islamic militants who provide grassroots support for the revolutionary Government, which yesterday denied any involvement in Tuesday's bomb, the worst attack on American servicemen or civilians in the Middle East for 13 years.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, is planning to deliver a personal assurance to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia on Monday that the world's most powerful nations are united in their determination to combat Islamic and other terrorism.

Travelling straight to Saudi Arabia after the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations, he will be the first Western minister to visit the desert kingdom since the Dhahran bombing, and will take with him the firm commitment of world leaders to back the Saudi Government in its fight against Islamic extremists.

TERRORISM

He will also insist that Britain views with repugnance remarks by Muhammad al-Masari, the dissident Saudi physicist granted temporary asylum in Britain, that the bombing was "intellectually justified". Dr Masari said he did not condone the bombings, but believed the US faced further attacks. John Major dismissed Dr Masari's remarks. "I can see no case intellectually, or any other sort, for that sort of activity in Dhahran," the Prime Minister

• In the name of God the merciful, Hezbollah-Gulf declares ... we threaten to carry out more attacks

said. "It is indefensible by any tenet."

Even before yesterday's admission of responsibility for the explosion, President Weizman of Israel alleged after talks with Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, that Iran was behind the explosion in which 60 other Americans were seriously wounded. Many of those were airlifted to Germany yesterday for treatment in a US military hospital, while the bodies of the victims were flown back home.

Arab diplomats said that the second claim appeared more authentic than the first, made 24 hours earlier in a call to *al-Arab* newspaper in London alleging that another previously unknown group — the Legion of the Martyr Abdallah al-Huzaili — had carried out the attack. That group was linked to two Saudis believed last year for throwing acid at a

Saudi officer. Questioned about the claims and the FBI investigation, Mr Christopher urged caution. "Although there have been some claims of responsibility, we do not know if these are spurious or valid," he said at the G7 summit in Lyons.

Despite the denial from Tehran, the semi-official Iranian media made little effort to disguise their glee at the attack, claiming that Saudi Arabia would witness its own Islamic revolution if American forces did not withdraw and the ruling Al-Saud family did not give a political say to the opposition, which consists mainly of Islamic fundamentalists.

Tehran's daily *Abrar*, in a commentary headlined "Aftershocks in the island of black gold", said: "It seems that in the next few years, a second Middle East explosion [the first being Iran's Islamic revolution] will take place in Saudi Arabia."

Tehran radio said that the opposition to the presence of US forces was not limited to the Gulf; it also included Japan. The radio added: "The presence of American forces in countries with strong traditional and religious social structures has provoked the sensitivities of ... people who see this presence as an obstacle to their own cultural identity and national independence."

Iran News repeated the mullahs' position that America and other Western forces were a threat to the Gulf's security and should leave. "In principle, terrorism is to be condemned. However, regional observers believe that such acts will continue as long as US forces are present in this part of the world."

Intelligence experts cited the planning, organisation and finance needed for the attack as indicating the backing of a foreign power.

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Military experts and media brand 35-yard gap between fence and Dhahran flats inadequate



A waitress in a restaurant window yesterday photographs President Clinton as he addresses the people of Perouges, near Lyons

Lyons billet for army marching on its stomach

FROM MICHAEL BINION
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR
IN LYONS

RAYMOND BARRE, the Mayor of Lyons, knows what is at stake. If it is not the world's response to terrorism, debt relief, employment or the future of the World Bank; it is the honour of France.

For weeks, the former Gaullist Prime Minister, parachuted into France's second city to rescue it from the infamy of city hall corruption, has concentrated his energy on the one issue on which his reputation, and that of his city, rests: whether Lyons, the ancient capital of Roman Gaul, the birthplace of the cinema and the heroic centre of wartime resistance, remains, indisputably, the gastronomic capital of France and of the world.

M Barre, an economics professor and notorious gourmand, has demanded daily faxes from all the big hotels and restaurants to ensure that their menus are the finest imaginable. He personally chose the china, decorated with the city crest, for the state banquets.

Horrified to find that the city hall had no proper kitchens, he has spent more than £4 million refurbishing the venue for the G7 leaders and otherwise ensuring that Lyons puts on a fine show.

Paul Bocuse, the Cantona of French gastronomy, was forced to share his expertise with three other Michelin-starred chefs in preparing last night's banquet; but for the world leaders, too many

cooks could never spoil the summit broth.

Lyonnais restaurateurs are less ecstatic for all the talk of *quenelles aux écrevisses* (crayfish dumplings) and other regional specialities, the worry is that the biggest gourmands — the locals — will be unable to get through the security cordon. In fact the whole city, rewarded by President Chirac with the G7 for M Barre's valuable election support, seems less than enchanted at this attempt to escape from the shadow of Paris.

The taxpayers are complaining at the cost, £100 a second according to local estimates: the unemployed say that they and the other 23 million on the dole in the G7 countries will get nothing

from the summit; and Third World advocates, who annually stage a rival summit, are, as usual, arguing that debt will remain as burdensome as ever while foreign aid to the world's poorest countries fell by more than 9 per cent last year.

Even attempts to inspire the citizenry with music and fireworks have fallen somewhat flat. The great public concert planned for this evening has been moved to Saturday after everyone has gone home. Soul singer Al Jarreau will perform. So will Johnny Halliday, the ageing French rock star and Lord Menihin, who turned 80 in April.

But Lyons, lush in the rich green valley of the Rhône, historic home of the silk industry for three centuries and boasting enough châteaux and 17th century pat-

aces to house all the delegations in classical comfort, is still a magnet.

Usually, summit leaders, who normally fly at the last minute, all arrived early. President Clinton did what he likes doing best: campaigning in a sleepy village square in Perouges, where, he said, American GIs had fought side by side with the French resistance 52 years ago "to win your freedom back".

There was, as usual, a separate spouses' programme: a visit to the opera house, a rose show, a wine-tasting. Hillary Clinton probably would have preferred to take advantage of her presence in France to consult her old adviser, Joan of Arc, but no special arrangements were made for that.

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Papandreu's party seeks successor

BY JOHN CARR
IN ATHENS AND
OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GREECE'S ruling Socialist party started a three-day national congress yesterday to elect a successor to their late leader, Andreas Papandreu. Rivalries quickly came to

the fore at the opening session of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK), attended by more than 5,000 delegates with Akis Tsochatzopoulos, the Interior Minister, competing for the job against Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister. Mr Simitis yesterday vowed to resign his post if he fails to be

elected party president. The vital ballot is expected to be held on Sunday.

Mr Simitis hopes the party presidency will help him underpin his premiership and carry through pro-market and pro-European economic reforms, including an accelerated privatisation programme. How-

ever, he has come under fire from nationalists, who accuse him of being too soft on the perceived security threat from Turkey.

Recent opinion polls indicate that Pasok is trailing the conservative New Democracy opposition nationally by at least three percentage points.



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Americans attack security 'failure' at Saudi blast base

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BOMB REACTION

AS THE reality of the Saudi bomb attack continued to sink in yesterday, Americans were increasingly asking why their troops had been left so vulnerable despite months of warnings.

Commentators and security experts strongly criticised the recent precautions taken around the base's housing in Dhahran, eastern Saudi Arabia, as inadequate.

General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, seemed to agree. In a terse exchange with reporters, he conceded it was time to take a new look at security. In fact, an urgent security review was launched at American military installations, embassies and consulates around the world.

The issue in the Dhahran bombing is that although concrete barriers had been installed on the perimeter of the complex, they were placed only 35 yards from an eight-floor block of flats where servicemen were housed. Vincent Cannistraro, former chief of counter-terrorism for the CIA, said: "To have a 35-yard security perimeter in light of the history of attacks against US military facilities in the Middle East is absolutely reprehensible."

Security steps were also criticised because unlike last year's bombing in Oklahoma City, the attack did not come out of the blue. There had been six security alerts issued by the State Department in the last six months. In addition, cars had been seen driving up to the chain-link fence in Dhahran, lingering for a while and then speeding away.

On May 15, the American Embassy in Saudi Arabia issued a security warning to 35,000 Americans living in the kingdom, informing them of anonymous threats of retaliation if four Saudis were executed after being found guilty of planting a car bomb that killed five Americans last November. The four were beheaded on May 31.

more casualties if the petrol tanker had been able to park immediately beside the targeted building. He is probably right. In Oklahoma City, a rented van was driven into a parking space under the front canopy of the federal building. Its bomb went off with a force of 2,000 lb of TNT, killing 167, including 19 children. The Dhahran bomb, which killed 19, was reckoned to have an explosive force of 5,000 lb.

Mr Perry will go to Jeddah tomorrow to discuss improving security for American troops with Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, and other Saudi government ministers.

Pentagon officials refused to say what Mr Perry might propose, but he will reiterate the Clinton Administration's determination to keep forces in the Gulf to protect American interests and the moderate Arab states.

Memorial services. After the G7 summit in Lyons, President Clinton will attend memorial services in Florida on Sunday for air force victims of the bombing.

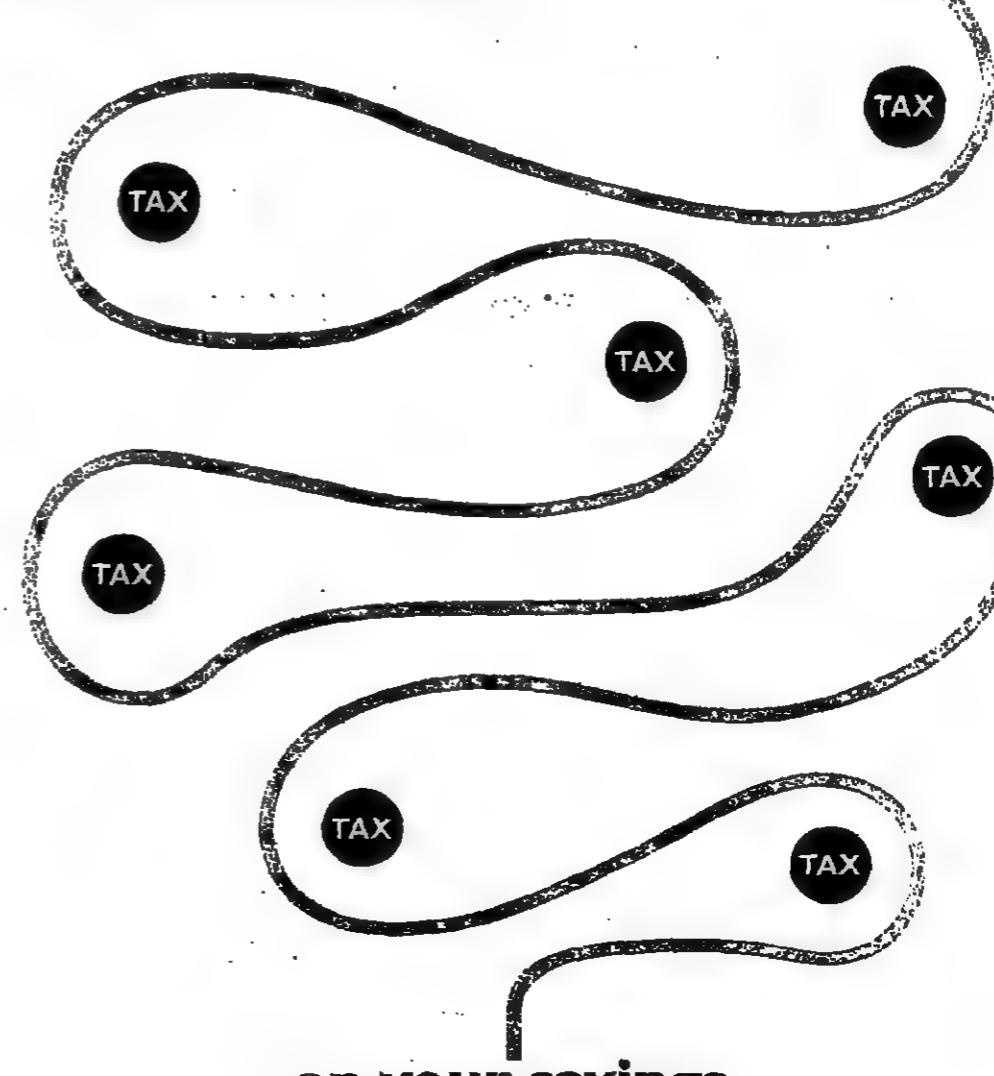


Shalikashvili: concedes need for security review



Perry: to fly to Jeddah for talks with ministers

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Lebed supporters balk at voting for Yeltsin

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN NOVOSIBIRSK, SOUTHERN RUSSIA

GENNAIDI ZYUGANOV, the Communist candidate in the Russian presidential election, has said that "voters are not serfs, they cannot be bought and sold," and this is a warning that the campaign organisers of Aleksandr Lebed, the former candidate, are taking seriously.

They know that just because the general has joined President Yeltsin's administration, this does not necessarily mean that his 11 million voters will heed his advice to support the incumbent in the second round. If enough of them vote Communist, or even stay at home, Mr Yeltsin could still lose. They also know that if General Lebed fails to turn out most of his voters for the President, then even if Mr Yeltsin wins, General Lebed's prestige within the administration will suffer accordingly.

Mr Lebed's campaign organiser in his birthplace, the town of Novosibirsk, is



Ataman Gennadi Nedvygin, a Cossack leader and businessman, and a childhood friend of General Lebed. This week, he told a meeting of his campaign staff that "it is no good just handing out pamphlets telling our voters that they now have to vote for Yeltsin — they'll take them and stuff them down the lavatory. We've got to emphasise that Lebed is joining the administration so as to reform it, get rid of the corrupt element, and keep Yeltsin up to the mark." The strategy

adopted by Lebed supporters in Novosibirsk, and indeed nationally, tends therefore to be more about continued support for the general in his new role, and fear of Communism, than it is about positive support for Mr Yeltsin.

Although General Lebed is personally popular in Novosibirsk, the biggest vote in the first round went to the Communists, with 32 per cent. Mr Nedvygin's deputy, Yuri Trukhmanov, a retired police colonel, admitted that he understood these voters well.

"For all Yeltsin's promises, pensioners here have not been paid their pension for January, February and March. Teachers have not been paid for April and May, and are now being sent on two months' unpaid holiday. I know how these people will vote."

General Lebed's pledge to get tough on crime and cor-

ruption is popular, and is endlessly emphasised by his election propaganda. But as another of Mr Nedvygin's assistants, Yevgeni Kirsanov, a local historian, admitted: "None of us really know how the Lebed vote will go the next time round. He has frightened some people with his authoritarian image. So our key task is to show that Lebed is tough, but not cruel; determined, but moderate."

In straw polls on the streets of Novosibirsk and the regional centre of Rostov this week, about half of General Lebed's voters interviewed said that they would now vote for Mr Yeltsin, with a quarter saying they support the Communists and another quarter undecided or against both candidates.

The latest national opinion poll, published yesterday, showed 39 per cent of General Lebed's voters now supporting Mr Yeltsin, with 14 per cent going to Mr Zyuganov. According to the poll, this would help to give President Yeltsin a vote of 53 per cent and victory, but by such a narrow margin that Yeltsin supporters are worried.

The clear risk for Mr Yeltsin is that Lebed supporters may not vote. Again and again, people who had backed the general, and even the liberal leader, Grigori Yavlinsky, have said that if they voted for the President, it would be without enthusiasm. As Yuri Andreyevich, an engineer, said: "I voted for Lebed because I believe he would try to do something against crime and corruption. Now he's with Yeltsin, but I'm afraid Yeltsin's regime may simply stiff him, or sack him again, and nothing will change."

One of the alarming features of the books is a failure to conceal an instinctual anti-Semitism. In *I Believe in Russia*, where the West is portrayed as a malign influence on Russia's struggle to build its own "spiritually civilised" civilisation.

Sergei Bykov, of the Moscow Anti-Fascist Centre, said he feared Russians had not yet appreciated how extreme Mr Zyuganov's views were.

"What separates him from the old Communists is that they, formally at least, were internationalists," Mr Bykov said. "He is a thorough nationalist."

Zyuganov flaunts xenophobia

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL
IN MOSCOW



Zyuganov: aggressive speech to church group

ON A day when he might have been expected to be out seeking new voters, Gennadi Zyuganov, the Russian Communist presidential candidate, yesterday gave an aggressive speech to a forum of Orthodox Church believers that reinforced his reputation as a xenophobic nationalist with anti-Semitic leanings.

"I am a believer and first of all I believe in Russia," he said to loud applause, saying he had renounced the atheistic doctrines his party used to espouse. He read out the main points of a "programme of national revival" that included a crackdown on pornography and the rebuilding of ruined churches, as well as "the recreation of a single Russian state" on the territory of Russia and its Slavic neighbours.

the opposite, that there are votes in a new kind of post-Communist nationalism.

That is the ideology expressed in his two books, *Over the Horizon* and *I Believe in Russia*, where the West is portrayed as a malign influence on Russia's struggle to build its own "spiritually civilised" civilisation.

Mr Zyuganov has been advised by some of his aides to adopt a moderate, social-democratic tone in order to build on his core support of 24 million voters and win the presidential run-off on July 3. His choice of audience yesterday showed that he believes

what separates him from the old Communists is that they, formally at least, were internationalists.

Mr Zyuganov's views were:

Or, as Mikhail, an officer cadet, put it: "I voted for Lebed in the first round, but whatever he says, I just can't bring myself to vote for Yeltsin in the second. I can't forgive Yeltsin for what he's done to the Kremlin."

Not content with his broad, ill-defined, new powers as Russia's security supremo, the former paratrooper yesterday laid claim to wide-ranging areas of government policy and set his sights firmly on the Kremlin.



General Aleksandr Lebed addresses nationalist supporters in Moscow yesterday

New supremo defines empire

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW

ONLY a week into his job as the country's National Security Adviser, General Aleksandr Lebed has made it clear that his political ambitions know no bounds.

The move, during a meeting with Russian nationalists in Moscow, seemed likely to reinforce the growing suspicion among many Kremlin insiders that the man brought in to save President Yeltsin in next week's election may turn out to be a Frankenstein being on seized power.

Yesterday, during a free-ranging question-and-answer session with supporters of the Union of Patriotic and National Organisations, General Lebed left little doubt that he expected his writ to run much further. Hardly any aspect of government policy was left untouched by the former boxer and Afghan war veteran, who claimed everything from protecting Russian culture to stemming the brain-drain as issues of national security.

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WORLD

Plea for reruns in Natal poll

Johannesburg: Peter Miller, Minister of Local Government in KwaZulu/Natal, yesterday applied in the Supreme Court to have voting in four rural areas of the province declared null and void and for polling to be repeated in those areas (Inigo Gilmore writes).

The move followed complaints by the African National Congress about administrative chaos and intimidation during Wednesday's local elections. President Mandela said the repeatedly delayed polls had largely been free and fair. Final results are expected today.

Prisoners lose lottery of death

San Salvador: Four prisoners aged 18 to 22, who lost a lottery, are due to commit suicide on Monday in protest against conditions at Santa Ana jail near here. The 787 El Salvador inmates chose the suicide lottery to protest against inhuman conditions at the prison, which should hold 350. They are also on hunger strike. (AP)

New director for institute

London: Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden is to become Director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs on January 1, 1997, taking over from Professor Sir Laurence Martin, who will retire (Eve Ann Prentice writes). Sir Timothy, 52, started his career as a pilot in the RAF.

Uganda votes

Kampala: Long queues formed outside polling stations around the Ugandan capital as the country marked its return to democracy with parliamentary elections after some two decades of dictatorship. (Reuters)

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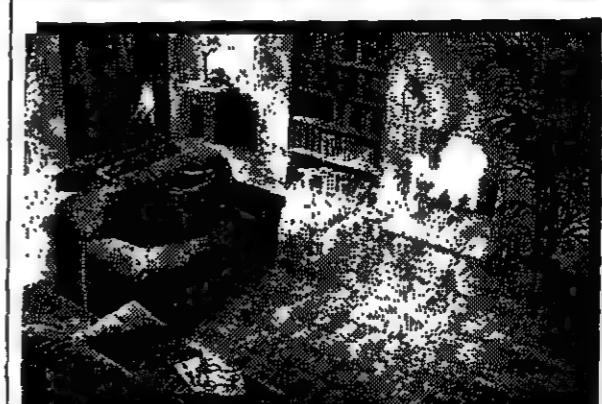
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The images will take time to be sent back to Earth, because Galileo's antenna has been out of action since it failed to unfurl in 1991, two years after the spacecraft was launched on its journey by shuttle Atlantis.

Thanks to Nasa engineers, who reprogrammed Galileo's control systems from the ground, a lower-powered serial will be able to accomplish almost all the mission's objectives, but more slowly. The first pictures will be released by Nasa on July 10.

Geologists are fascinated to see what they will reveal. They believe the moon's ridges, icy grooves and craters resemble the Earth's crust.

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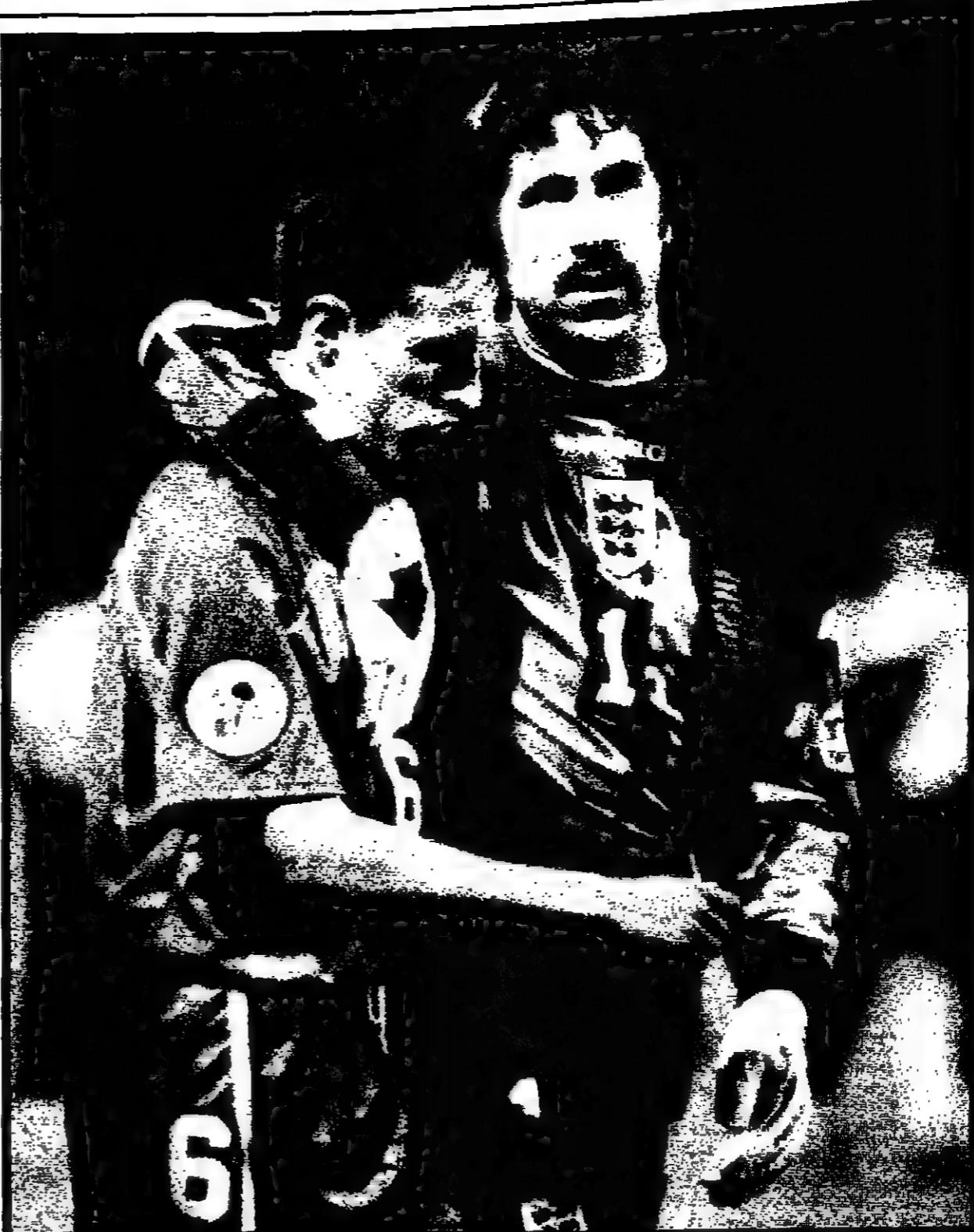
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Sheringham celebrates with Gascoigne: "I could walk into any pub in the land and start a Euro 96 conversation"



Seaman and Southgate after the semi-final: "England thrilled the heart; they consoled each other wonderfully"

The end of the affair



Lynne Truss was never a football fan but after three weeks of Euro 96 she is nursing a broken heart – and knows just how it feels to be gutted

PRACTICALLY speaking, it is rather tricky writing about football. It involves typing with your head in your hands. It involves typing with the elbows, while tears trickle towards the keys. For woe, woe, thrice woe. How weary, stale, flat and unprofitable seem to me all the uses of this world. Is it always like this, then? Who would choose to be a football supporter, if this is what happens? A lost semi-final, and I feel bereft, abandoned, lonely. Where did everybody go? I have heard people use the expression "gutted", rather freely in the past, but never before felt the moment when the cruel knife slips in and the purplish slithery bits are yanked out and spit on the sawdust.

Libby Purves rang me at half-time on Wednesday night. Things were quite cheerful at that stage, as you may remember. At my house, my friend Robert was just popping out for some beers (he found a queue), and I was laying out a fortifying Greek feast from Marks & Spencer. "Hello, who's this?" I said when the phone rang, assuming

I liked chanting 'Sea-Man, Sea-Man' and 'Shear-Er'

anything to me was David Platt, which was why he was allowed to play! I cheered his every move. Good man, Platt. Under-rated. Like a rock. No fuss about penalties, either: just bangs them in.

Instant expertise such as mine is wafer-thin, obviously.

But I liked watching McManaman pumping those long, thin legs like a street

urchin in a Bert Hardy photograph; I liked chanting "Sea-Man, Sea-Man" (and learning the subtle difference in delivery from "Shear-Er, Shear-Er"). In any case, it seems that opinion and conviction count for as much as accuracy in discussing foot-



England fans in Trafalgar Square before Wednesday's semi-final against Germany

rance. Making the decision to learn about footie is unlike any other turning-point in life save perhaps being kidnapped by Moonies: once the initial move is made, no effort is required; momentum takes over. The fold welcomes you in, swallows you up, and washes your brain, and then you smile a lot, and wave a scarf. Everyone is a secret member of this club, and I never knew. For years, men have protected me from facts and opinions concerning Stuart Pearce which were bubbling just below the surface the whole time. The moment I expressed a genuine

interest, they opened their hearts, and out it came. Very generous, I call it. Friends who continue to say: "Football, who cares?" I feel quite sorry for them. They have not been saved, as I have.

But it has its downside, and this is the Gloom, despondency and quotations from Hamlet. *Die o! O fie! 'Tis an unweeded garden that grows to seed: things rank and gross in nature possess it merely.* On Thursday morning, I stared blankly at the wall, scarcely able to speak. Children were in tears on Wednesday night; women broke down; men locked themselves in lavatories; friends phoned each other up for consolation. I kept telling myself: "It's only a game, Libby says it's only a game", but it was of course more than that: it was a kind of mass hysteria from which

it's very hard to wake up. I do feel brainwashed. Every time I remember that it's all over for England, I start humming "Football's coming home" again, like a machine that won't be turned off.

So this is the end of Euro 96, as far as I'm concerned. If the stadium is empty on Sunday, it serves them right, those Germans, whoever they are. England played so well in extra-time on Wednesday that it thrilled the heart; they consoled each other wonderfully; they shook hands like gentlemen; they took a lap of honour like kings.

My Euro 96 paper – my constant companion for three weeks – told me the news while I watched it on screen; and though I had traced my paper's emotional journey much as Libby Purves had traced my own, I was hardly prepared for such tear-jerking stuff.

Well, it's all over for England," came the first message. Then, shortly after: "England players on lap of honour. Germany celebrates. But I admit... I'm gutted." And the evening ended with the words that say it all. "As Germans go through, England heads high. Thanks Terry for everything. Good-night."

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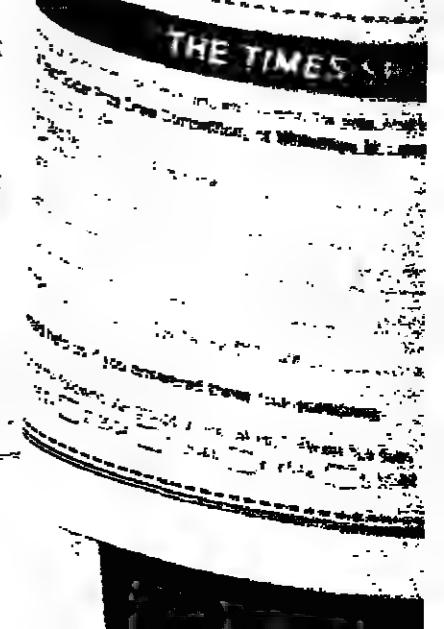
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'Don't think Aids doesn't happen to middle-class ladies'

When Francesca Luard discovered she had the Aids virus, she threw in her job on the *Daily Mail*, declaring that life was too short to write about shopping. She must do something that engaged her heart and soul. So she got herself into art school and took up travelling — to Spain, France, Cuba, Jamaica, painting wherever she went.

Elisabeth Luard, her mother, happened to be writing a book called *Family Life*, an amusing record of how she and her husband Nicholas brought up their four children in odd places. Because she is a cookery writer, she interspersed her narrative with wholesome recipes. (As in Nora Ephron's novel *Heartburn*, her view was that cooking is part of life.) Her book was full of scintillating common sense, especially about the teenage years.

When Francesca, the eldest of her three daughters, became HIV positive at 26, the book was abandoned. After Francesca died, in November 1994, Elisabeth added extracts from Francesca's diary, and published *Family Life*, adding the subtitle *Birth, Death and the Whole Damn Thing*: a cheering book despite its melancholy code.

The glamorous, handsome Luards had led such a charmed life. In the 1960s Nicholas Luard — "Wykehamist ex-Guards officer and the only satirist to wear a suit", in Richard Ingrams' words — founded the Establishment Club with Peter Cook.

Elisabeth, née Longmore, ran *Private Eye's* office. When they married at St Margaret's, Westminster, *le tout Soho demi-monde* turned up. Their honeymoon at the Ritz in Paris was cut short by a telegram from *Private Eye* about a writ from Randolph Churchill. Until their first baby was born, their lodger was Jeffrey Bernard, not yet well. You get the picture.

As writers, they could bring up their children wherever they pleased. For eight years they lived in Andalucia, and for a time occupied Auberon Waugh's house in the Aude — Maison Wog, as the French locals pronounce Waugh. "As a family," Elisabeth writes, "we have always expected to be able to

Francesca Luard was gifted, beautiful... and doomed to die from Aids. Her mother salutes an indomitable spirit

do everything — writing, painting, performing, whatever is necessary to communicate our feelings."

And then the beautiful Francesca, with her first-class degree and brilliant mind (she played chess for the nation) who did not use needles or live dangerously, made her terrible discovery. It is cruel, unfair, but it can happen. As Francesca wrote in her journal: "I have shared a bed with fewer men than I can count on both hands."

"I am guilty of prejudice myself," she wrote. "If I hear that someone not obviously homosexual is HIV-positive, I assume that they are either promiscuous or mainlining drugs..."

Before I was diagnosed myself, when I first saw the pictures of Princess Diana holding the hands of an AIDS patient (I hate the word victim) I remember thinking: 'Oh — so it's all right to touch them, then.' I truly believe that single thing did more to help people than anything else anyone has ever done."

Yesterday, the Princess of Wales joined the daughter of John Paul Getty Jr, Aileen Getty — another AIDS victim — in launching a new charity for women with AIDS. As argument rages over whether money spent on warning heterosexuals about AIDS is mis-spent, all Elisabeth Luard can say is that she knows what it is like to have a daughter with the virus: "Death



THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

'For the first time as a mother, I couldn't fix it'

this terrible thing inside you" is remarkably lacking in bitterness.

"She could sometimes be angry against the disease. She would say: 'Don't think I'm brave. And don't think I wouldn't rather it had happened to anyone else including you, Ma.' Which I thought was refreshingly honest. There was no sentiment or saintliness about her."

"It was important to give her independence — not easy for two writers, trying to get the money together. But my attitude is, I can always write another piece for *Menstrual Monthly* — as we call *Period Living* magazine."

In November 1994, Francesca's T-cell melanoma, a cancer of the blood, became rampant. In her last days at St Thomas', with a view of Big Ben from the grimy windows, her body became weak, her mind remaining sharp.

"The physical process of dying is not like in the movies, or in Shakespeare," Elisabeth says. "Medicine interferes dreadfully with what is going on in your spirit. Death has its own momentum."

Family life is resilient. They picked up the threads. Elisabeth's first novel, *Emerald*, won the W.H. Smith Thumping Good Read award last year, the top-selling novel in Safeways. Nicholas's next book is about the pilgrim's walk to Santiago de Compostela. The remaining children — Caspar, Honey and Poppy — congregate often around the family table in Wales.

"But it is hard for siblings, like losing a limb. Fran was the one who always knew what everyone was doing. She had time and patience and a capacity for listening. She was the catalyst who helped friends to change their lives."

Hence the fund they have founded in her name, Francesca's Friendship Trust, to launch young people on a path that would otherwise be closed to them."

The invitation to the launch on Monday, at an exhibition of Francesca's work at the Todd Gallery in Needham Road, W1, shows Francesca, graceful and slender, in a self-portrait photograph, contemplating her own shadow: "Jungians tell me if you can face your own shadow you are well-balanced and unafraid."



Elisabeth Luard: "Fran had time and patience — she was the catalyst who helped to change lives"

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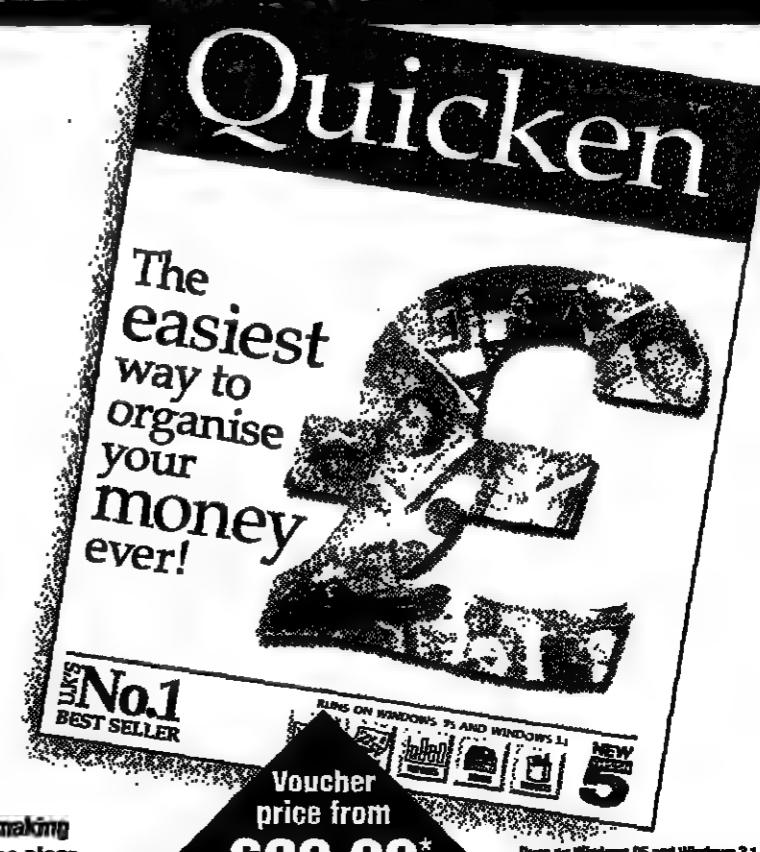
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For a nation that prides itself on its pragmatism and restraint from emotion, the British are full of rage. And that is because underneath our stand-offish faces and grey suits we are wildly emotional and impractical. We have caught road rage from the Californians, and so how furiously and curse violently, and sometimes murder a driver who dares to come near us. Footy rage takes out our unsporting vengeance for losing by throwing bottles at the police and smashing cars. EU rage brings out the latent hatred in the emotionally disadvantaged.

So why do we show so little rage and Tube rage? Heaven knows, travel by coach or train creates enough irritation to make Job swear like a footballer singing karaoke in a night club. And yet, on Wednesday night after the football, when Aslef drivers had started their strike on the London Underground early in order to make sure they were not turned into rats when the clocks struck midnight, there was no Tube rage. The coaches were so crowded that even the driver was standing. But we took it all in the Dunkirk spirit. Complete strangers in English war-paint streaked with tears had learned discussions with men in suits about the deficiencies of settling a match by a shoot-out at the OK Corral. Very occasionally, driven beyond endurance, passengers on the Northern Line strike and refuse to leave the train when its destination is changed in mid-journey. But they do it with the dignity of commuters who spend long days in the City in order to be able to afford to sleep in such pseudo-rural suburbs as Cockfosters and Burnt Oak. Theirs is not Tube rage but To Barnet not To Edgware.

In the mongrel character of the British race, they are the Anglo-Saxon foot-soldiers, not the Norman cavalry or the Celtic charmers waving claymores. When a Circle Line train has not circled as far as Tower Hill in either direction while 34 District Line trains have passed for Richmond and Wimbledon, Upminster and Upton Park, the nearest they come to impatience is to engage a party of tourists in Franglais in a discussion of the superiority of the Paris Metro in punctuality, efficiency, cleanliness and poetry of station names such as Babytome.

Just sometimes they purse their lips and mutter inaudibly. When a Circle Line is switched to Metropolitan at Baker Street without intelligible notice. When the escalator at Holborn or Archway is out of commission again, and accordingly for the next five years. When the driver or station operative makes vital announcements that manage to be both ear-piercing and unintelligible because of the dirty medieval loudspeakers. When the train stops in a tunnel again, and the temperature rises and the driver makes aggressive apologies. When the determined Finnish student pulled me off a crowded train at Aldgate because her bag had become inextricably locked into the zip of my Punter (we had to cut me free, and the next Circle Line did not drop by for 40 minutes). When we can see six station operatives drinking tea, playing cards and smoking in their staff common room while we wander the platforms in ignorance and despair.

Then we may frown and pace. But we are the infantry of Agincourt and the Somme. Our qualities are stoic endurance and humour in hard times. Bloody Normans drive around on their chargers or little tin boxes on wheels, exhibiting the childlike rage of their tribe. I even met bike rage on the Baywater Road yesterday, from arrogant peddlers trying to run down pedestrians who dared to cross. But we were not enraged at this outrage. As any Anglo-Saxon pedestrian can tell you, that would be a waste of time and temper. And as any Anglo-Saxon philosopher can tell you, *outrage* has nothing to do with either *our* or *rage*. The word comes, appropriately, from the Norman *ulfrage*, Latin *ultra* "over the top". And over the top is the English vice of football and road ragers.

When the Tube and buses go on strike, the poor bloody foot-soldiers show the enduring patience of the tribe. Cursing the Tube, we walk to work, across every park in London if we are lucky. We show neither Tube nor foot rage, while all around the streets are jammed with Normans bursting with road rage. And we get there before them. And in a better temper.



Hold on to Becket's casket

Turbulent priest or saint, asks Henry Mayr-Harting

A shrewd and worldly Chancellor; made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162 to the disgust of many learned churchmen; martyred at the apparent instigation of King Henry II in his own cathedral on a stormy December afternoon in 1170; canonised in 1173; and a splendid Limoges reliquary, dating from scarcely a quarter of a century after Thomas à Becket's death, now about to be sold at Sotheby's: was there ever a more meteoric rise to official sainthood?

The best comment I ever read on this was written in an examination by a BA candidate 20 years ago. The gist was that during his archiepiscopate Becket was a bag of trouble, but after his death nobody dreamt of saying that he was the man who had quarrelled with his King, who had ridden roughshod over aristocratic rights in Kent, who had broken the unity of the bench of bishops. No, he was at once the great martyr, working miracles at his tomb, healing not the great, but Canterbury bakers and the like who came to venerate him. Before 1200, his relics were being honoured on altars at such places as Saragossa and Bologna, and his case, and what he had died for, were being discussed in learned circles at Paris and Cracow.

What did Becket die for? He did not die for his faith; everyone shared that. He did not really die for the rights of the Roman or English Church (pace some historians); many of his opponents among the English bishops were equally keen on those. He died fighting for the rights of the church of Canterbury. Bishops and abbots of that time understood all about the universal Church, but from day to day they were more taken up with the affairs of their own church, Canterbury or London or St Albans — or Rome! Heads of Oxford colleges know all about Oxford University or even the Commonwealth of Learning, but from day to day their thoughts are more likely to be with the advancement and the concerns of Balliol or Queen's.

Whether the others look like us is a delicate question: if we met a shiny purple six-thousand-year-old lizard, 14 miles high and determined to eat all the small babies in view, we would have proved that there are other creatures in the universe, but the babies' mothers might be worried.

Let us come back to Eros where the trouble started. As far as I know, Eros has never before given any trouble, and it is not clear how this enormous missile has been turned in the direction of Earth. It seems that Eros has a somewhat irregular orbit and the hunk of matter (some say rock, some say iron) is gathering speed. The lugubrious Professor James of the University of Arizona (damn it, I've just been there myself) says "...there is not the slightest chance that any human being living on Earth at that time could survive the catastrophe. A collision with Eros... would be four times more violent than the collision with the asteroid or comet 65 million years ago, and that killed most of the dinosaurs. It would have the same effect as several full-scale nuclear wars taking place simultaneously..."

Very likely, very likely, but 100,000 years gives plenty of time to work out a way of steering the erratic Eros in a different direction, and I don't think it will, in the end, cause trouble. What I am thinking about is also the 100,000. There is no point in saying that we shall all be dead long before the 100,000 comes up — but what about the first hundred of the 100,000? Forget 100,000 and think of the first *tranche*, for a hundred years can destroy great empires. Yes, indeed, they can: it is not a joke to call Britain's *cl-devant* Empire great, for it was. And now?

Here we are, talking about the infinite, while dreadful creatures crawl in and out, believing that they are running a Government. If we agree that we are not the only sentient creatures in the universe, surely the ones we know and see and hear cannot be the best. But then, why do none of them speak out? Come, come, it is obvious: if you were a creature from outer space, and turned your space-telescope towards this country, would you not run for your space-life?

There is, however, a point more personal to Becket which should not be overlooked. It would be quite wrong to think of him as an obstinate, worldly man, whose conversion to religious ways on becoming archbishop was a mere performance, and who would never have been regarded as a saint but for the manner of his death. His contemporaries thought of him as undergoing a kind of martyrdom even during the struggles and exile of his lifetime; and Frank Barlow has observed that those around Becket saw more than a sense of theatre, and were "conscious of an innate and constant greatness".

David Knowles once wrote that in history there are those such as Cicero or Abraham Lincoln whose personality reveals itself in every word they wrote or spoke, and others whose charm and power were left by their contemporaries but whose surviving words do not conduct the "magnetic spark". He put Becket among the latter. But Becket was a truly charismatic man, or else he could hardly have retained the loyalties of so many highly intelligent and able supporters for so long, to the certain detriment of their careers. There was no disguising his distinction. Passing him on the road during his exile in France, a knight observed: "That's the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Devil."

Let us hope, therefore, that Becket's casket, with its enamel scenes representing his martyrdom and ascent into Heaven, will stay in England to remind us of this great Anglo-Norman and of a passage in our history significant for all of Europe.

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All change

CENTURIES of tradition are to come to an end this autumn at Westminster School, one of the country's great academic establishments. For the first time since it was founded by Elizabeth I in 1560, the school has appointed a female housemaster.

Former pupils, who include Sir Peter Ustinov, Lord Lawson of Blaby and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, were informed in the school newsletter yesterday that Fiona Freckleton, mathematics tutor and international oarswoman, will take charge of Wren's house from next term. She insists that she will be housemaster rather than housemistress.

"I took a few deep breaths before making the decision," admits David Summerscale, the Head Master. "But she is outstanding. The news has been very well received by the boys, and the staff are delighted because it represents a new look and the feeling that anybody of merit is likely to gain preferment."

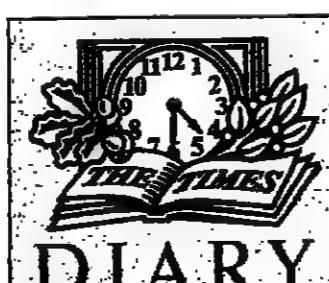
Dan Topolski, rowing coach and Old Wet, is delighted by the news. "She's a smashing lady," he says. "I don't think even the crusty old buggers will be displeased." Hubert Picarda, QC, who was at

Westminster in the early 1950s, said he was resigned to a female housemaster at some stage. "Everything is so changed," he said. "They have already had a female head of school."

• Oh for the cloistered life! Sir David Williams, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, who starts handing out degrees



Fiona Freckleton: oarswoman turned housemaster



today, made a recent flight to South Africa sitting next to a pretty young blonde. Buried in his books, he all but ignored her for the journey. The next day his wife revealed her identity: Liz Hurley. "It is one thing that still leaves me grieving slightly," admits Williams.

Service break
WINMBLEDON players looking to boost their performance have rejected the usual dietary fads and routines this year. Porridge is now on the menu.

Volley, a popular breakfast haunt for top seeds, has had to put bowls of the Scottish stodge on its menu for the first time, and regulars, who include Mary Pierce and our own Tim Henman, swear by it. However, Andre Agassi, who has long been the restaurant's best

Euro one!

OVER at the *Daily Mirror* bunker, Piers "Guten" Morgan, sprightly Editor, is still trying to live down an editorial conference he chaired on Monday after England beat Spain on Saturday. Guten demanded that descendants of famous Spaniards from history should be traced and asked how they felt about being trounced by the English. "Who did you have in mind?" a newsman asked. "Well," he replied, "Mussolini for a start."

Notwithstanding Guten's love of Mussolini, his prediction for the final was England against France, for which he had ambitious plans: a special edition of the *Daily Mirror*, to be called *Le Mirror*, extolling the virtues of French girls and cooking. And no mention of Germany at all.

• Terry Dicks, the unfortunate MP who fell and broke his hip on the Abbey Moor golf course in Kent a couple of weeks ago, is to have that painful occasion immortalised. After discussions in the clubhouse, it has been decided

that the third hole, the location of the Dicks drama, is to be named "Terry's Folly".

Well, Brian

THE OMENS are far from propitious for one of England's remaining participants in Euro 96. ITV's chief commentator, the Voice of Football, Brian Moore, is down to talk us through the final between Germany and the Czech Republic, and will be hoping he doesn't suffer a repeat performance of his previous experience with the two sides.

In a European championship fi-



"Back to reality, eh?"

nal two decades ago between Czechoslovakia and West Germany, Moore commented with a dicky turn, "I'd eaten something which really upset me, and literally gave a running commentary as I had to run to the loo before, at half-time and after the match. And then there was extra time."

Designer TV

JOHN BIRT's tentacles are grappling with every aspect of the BBC



as his revolution continues. Sights are now set on an identity change. Design consultants have been briefed to examine the corporation's logo and come up with a new image for the millennium.

Lambie-Nairn & Co, who revamped the BBC1 and BBC2 logos six years ago, are said to have been asked to draw up some options for a change that is likely to cost licence-fee-payers millions of pounds. When BT changed its logo it cost a cool £60 million. The BBC is hedging its bets. "There are no specific ideas at present, but that's not to say the identity will remain static."

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WHY THE G7

All change for places, people and purposes

In November 1975, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing invited five friends — Gerald Ford, Harold Wilson, Helmut Schmidt, Aldo Moro and Takeo Miki — to Rambouillet for a quiet country weekend. A young Giscard adviser drew up the brief sketch of topics that passed for an agenda. His name was Raymond Barre.

M Barre has a house party of a different order on his hands this week. As Mayor of Lyons, he is playing host to 8,000 officials and journalists — foot-soldiers and bystanders in the great political tournament that is annually staged by the misnamed Group of Seven.

That first meeting offered only a few brief platitudes to an inattentive public. But it did the world real service. The informal exchange of views at Rambouillet helped to avert the genuine risk that, with their countries gripped by recession, Western governments might respond to the collapse of the postwar system of managed exchange rates and the 1973 oil shock by reverting to the beggar-my-neighbour protectionist policies of the 1930s. The G7 idea caught on.

Privacy and spontaneity soon disappeared. So did the exclusive concentration on economics. Jimmy Carter, who was much happier talking about human rights and the then-fashionable North-South dialogue, saw to that as early as 1977.

Politics was always liable to crowd out economics once these gatherings grew and became a fixture of the Western calendar. The cast-list of principals has ballooned along with the audience. Canada was added early, the European Commission obtained a seat in the second row and so eventually did Russia, on a grudging Seven-plus-one guest ticket. President Chirac has summoned Boutros Ghali, the heads of the international financial institutions and others to the Lyons table.

The agenda has grown too, with the result that most of the decisions announced have long been necessarily pre-cooked. President Clinton, for example, could confidently call yesterday for firm action to combat international terrorism; he knew that no over-

night brainstorming would be necessary. Experts have been beavering away for months and 40 specific recommendations for fighting terrorism and organised crime were ready for signature long before the bomb exploded in Dhahran.

The one thing that has shrunk is confidence in the practicality, or even the virtue, of co-ordinating macroeconomic policies. That is not only because the media circus has made it awkward to criticise each other's policies too harshly, but because ideas about the role of government have changed. The main intellectual contribution to these summits in the 1980s was the theme, pressed by Margaret Thatcher under the warm gaze of Ronald Reagan, that governments served their people best by lightening the State's touch on the economic tiller.

Jacques Chirac, still a believer in activist government, would like to turn the clock back. He has called for joint action to comfort and protect voters who are worried that, in an increasingly globalised economy, they will lose out to dynamic new Asian players. He even hopes to shake America's growing resistance to development aid. He will secure warm words but little more.

Even on debt reduction for poor countries whose economies are unable to recover without such generosity, where there could and should be a deal, he faces stubborn opposition from Helmut Kohl to the release of even a fraction of the IMF's gold reserves.

Before Dhahran forced terrorism up the agenda, this year's summit was embarrassingly short of topics around which everyone could unite. When President Yeltsin cancelled, he exposed how much these summits now revolve around Russia: Seven-minus-the-eight barely makes even a quorum now. That is not unhealthy. An early bonus of these events was that they folded Japan, the world's second largest economy, into the West's inner counsels. The West cannot ensure the success of Russia's anxious transformation; but it can help at the margin. That strategically vital objective has not only dominated these summits since 1991; it suffices to justify their continued existence.

As the Court of Appeal found, withdrawing benefits renders the appeal rights "nugatory". The Government's concession, to pay backdated benefits to claimants who are ultimately successful on appeal, does not go far enough. How are appellants supposed to survive in the meantime? Is any private landlord, having been told by the Government that the vast majority of asylum-seekers are bogus, likely to let accommodation on the promise of rent once

an asylum appeal is successful?

All this goes to show that the Government's benefits changes have never been carefully targeted at "bogus asylum-seekers", but that it was always known that many genuine asylum-seekers would be left destitute, after fleeing persecution or civil war in their own countries.

It must be wrong to cause considerable suffering to these individual human beings when Parliament has put an appeal system in place which is designed to distinguish between good and bad asylum claims. The Government should take the opportunity handed to it by the Court of Appeal to salvage a reputation for British justice, rather than to establish one for British meanness.

Yours faithfully,
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June 25.

From the Director of Amnesty International

Sir, The Home Secretary claims that

even those who apply after entry will qualify for benefit if they are trapped here because of upheaval in their country". He omits to mention, however, that such asylum-seekers will

only qualify for benefits if he has

made a special declaration that their country has recently undergone a major upheaval (such as a military coup). Since the new regulations came into force in February he has not

made any such declarations — not even in respect of Liberia, where there has been a tragic escalation of human rights abuses in recent months.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 27: The Prince of Wales this morning opened the Fountain Primary School, Stratford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of London (Sir James Eaton).

His Royal Highness later visited Herdman's Linen Mill at St Mills, was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Tyrone (the Duke of Abercorn), and saw production in progress and discussed the possible re-use of the historic mill buildings.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Enville and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Fermanagh (the Earl of Erne).

His Royal Highness attended a Luncheon at the Ardlowen Theatre.

The Prince of Wales later visited the Share Centre and met young people and volunteers on the Share Outdoor Education Training Programme.

His Royal Highness Vice-President of the National Trust, afterwards visited Crom Castle and saw the work recently undertaken by the Trust.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 27: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Lincolnshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire (Mr. Bridger Croxford-Eley).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the refurbished factory of Walker's Snack Foods, Newark Road, Lincoln.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester opened the new sports hall at Alford John Spudliffe School, Hanby Lane, Alford, and afterwards opened the new Louth Police Station, Eastfield Road, Louth.

June 27: The Princess of Wales, Patron, National AIDS Trust, this morning visited the Mortimer Market Centre, London WCI.

YORK HOUSE
June 27: The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, this afternoon attended the Wimbledon Championships, Wimbledon, London SW19.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 27: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today received a party of Alumni of International Students House.



Signor Chiochetti in 1960, when he returned to Orkney to help to restore the chapel and its ornate mural

Ex-PoW is honoured for chapel he built years ago

THE Italian prisoner of war who turned an old Nissen hut on Orkney into an Italian chapel, which draws visitors from all over the world to its mural of the Madonna and Child and ornate iron-work sanctuary screen, was honoured yesterday in his home town. Domenico Chiochetti, who is now 86, recruited a squad of other craftsmen, electricians, blacksmiths and plasterers from among his fellow prisoners to build the chapel on the uninhabited tiny island of Lamb Holm, close to the shores of Scapa Flow.

Yesterday three Islanders were guests when Signor Chiochetti was granted the freedom of Modena, his home town in the Dolomite Mountains, in northern Italy. In 1960 Signor Chiochetti returned to Orkney and helped to restore some of the paintwork he had created twenty years before. Further restoration was carried out last year, and now work is due to go ahead to improve the surroundings of the chapel, all that still remains of Prisoner of War Camp 60.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 27: The Princess Royal this afternoon opened the Chorleywood Building for Campden and Chorleywood Research Association at Chipping Campden, and was received by Colonel Richard Corwell-Rogers (Vice-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire). Her Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended the Summer Regatta at the Royal Lynmouth Yacht Club and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mayagan).

CLARE HOUSE
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Appointments
Mrs Rachel Lomax to be Permanent Secretary, Welsh Office, in succession to Mr Michael Scholar.

Mrs Lomax is at present Vice-President and Chief of Staff to the President at the World Bank.

Professor Malcolm Grant, Professor of Land Economy, Cambridge University, to be Chairman of the Local Government Commission for England in succession to Sir David Cooksey.

Mr Neil Gowing and Ms Lesley Abdela to be Governors of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

Royal engagements
The Queen will visit Loughborough Grammar School at 11.50 to mark its five hundredth anniversary; and will visit the Defence Animal Centre, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, at 2.25.

The Duke of York will open the new Birmingham and Midland Eye Centre, Dudley Road, Birmingham, at 4.00.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will launch the Newcastle City Appeal at Gosforth Park Hotel, Gosforth, at 12.30 and at La Sagesse Convent School, North Jesmond, Tyne and Wear, at 1.40. Later, she will officially open the Sodec Centre, Old Ford Road, at 2.30; and will open Gateshead Healthcare's Tranwall Unit, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, at 3.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit St James's and The Abbey to mark the school's centenary, West Malvern, Worcestershire, at 11.55; and will open Nightingale House Hospice, Wrexham, North Wales, at 2.00.

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DEATHS
STUART SMITH - On 19th June 1996, to Gillian (née Ward) and Jeremy, a son, and Andy, Mercedes and Valeria.

WURMER - On June 19th at The Portland Hospital, London, John Wurmer, Patricia's son, with love your parents and sister Andy, Mercedes and Valeria.

YATES - On June 22nd 1996. Charles and Margaret Yates (née Cowap) and Robert, a daughter, Anabel Rose.

HOLLAND - Peacefully on 28th June 1996 at The Terpsichore Apartments, Finchley, London, with love your parents and sister Hazel.

ROOK - On 28th June, at home, Ross Sydney Ross, much loved husband and father. Greatly loved. Memorial service to be announced later.

HOWARD-JONES - On Tuesday June 26th aged 29 suddenly at Charterhouse Hospital, Hackney, Essex. Funeral Service Friday 6th July 1996 at St Nicholas Church, Charterhouse, Crouch End, Haringey, 1.30 pm. Interment at Charterhouse Cemetery.

OWEN - Barbara, on 28th June aged 74 at the Heath Hospital, Cardiff. Funeral Service Saturday 2nd July at 2.30 pm followed by interment at Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff.

HUTCHINSON - Michael B. Hutchinson (the Don) died peacefully at home on 24th June. Much loved husband and father. St. Nicholas' Church, Woodstock Road, Bayswater, London NW10.

FARNHOMER - Pamela Madeline (the Don) died peacefully at London Bridge Hospital on June 26th. Much loved mother of Nicholas, Jeremy and David and devoted grandmother. St. Nicholas' Church, Woodstock Road, Bayswater, London NW10.

MAHONY - On June 26th 1996, Major W.H. Mahony (née O'Donnell), widow of Major General Sir Vincent de Paul, Church, Aldershot, London SW19 on Monday 1st July at 11.30am. Donations to Alzheimer Society c/o Aldershot Funeral Services Ltd, 01302 644664.

GARDNER-BROWN - On 28th June peacefully after a short illness. Mary (née O'Donnell), widow of Major General Sir Vincent de Paul, Church, Aldershot, London SW19 on Monday 1st July at 11.30am. Donations to Trinity Hospice, London SW4.

SIMPSON - On June 26th at The Portland Hospital, London, Samantha (née Corlett) and Nick, a son, Joseph Seal, a brother for Tala and Joshua.

BERRY - On June 12th 1996, at The Portland Hospital, London, David, a beautiful daughter, Kelly Emma, a love for all to say.

STEPHEN - On June 26th, a beautiful daughter, Sienna Cecilia, a daughter for Tala and Joshua.

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PHILLIPS - Gerald David LLL aged 81 years. Major (retired) British Regiment of Signals. Born 1916, Oxfordshire, died on 26th June 1996. Husband of Lillian (née Dequidt), father of Nicholas, Peter and Joanne. Funeral at St. Michael's Church, Milford-Saint-Serge, Tintoretto, 1.30pm. Donations to Alzheimer Society.

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OBITUARIES

Sir Quinton Hazell, CBE, founder and chairman of the motor components company Quinton Hazell, 1946-73, died on June 24 aged 75. He was born in Manchester on December 14, 1920.

WITH an idea he gleaned from the US Army during the Second World War, at the age of 26 Quinton Hazell launched a manufacturing empire supplying automotive components to the world, selling in Australia, the Far East, India, South Africa, America and throughout Europe. As such he was the man credited with single-handedly breaking the motor industry cartel which had until then controlled the sale of parts.

At a time when so much of British industry was in majestic decline, the success of Quinton Hazell was a phenomenon in the British motor trade, making the company one of the biggest independent suppliers of replacement car parts in Europe. In the end, its success attracted the attention of Burmah Oil, to whom Hazell eventually sold the company for £60 million, a quarter of a century after he had founded it with a £5,000 legacy and the help of his wife and four friends, in a small workshop near his home in North Wales.

Quinton Hazell was born in the Garden Village, Burnage, near Manchester in 1920. He had a happy childhood in a trusting world where, as he was later to recall: "Burglaries were almost unheard of and murder made headline news for a fortnight. My uncle's house in Barnham Broom, Norfolk, did not even have a front door key."

He won a scholarship to Manchester Grammar School, where he found an atmosphere that instilled in him the confidence to succeed. He chose science as his main subject — while also concentrating on rugby and swimming. It was his prowess in the water that led to him receiving an award from the Royal Humane Society in 1950 when he dived off a bridge parapet into the Bridgewater Canal at Worsley, Manchester, and saved a drowning boy.

Instead of going to university, he opted for an apprenticeship at an engineering shop owned by a friend of his father's in Colwyn Bay, North Wales, and in 1957, armed with a pair of overalls, dirty hands and an

SIR QUINTON HAZELL



ambition to succeed, he set off on his chosen path.

Two years later, when he was 18, war broke out and he went to France with the British Expeditionary Force. He was evacuated from Dunkirk in the destroyer *Malcolm*. He finished the war as Battery Quartermaster Sergeant, Royal Artillery.

In 1946, supported by his wife Morwenne (Wenna), whom he had married in 1942, and by friends in North Wales, he used a legacy from a friend which had come to him "completely out of the blue" to start up his own company, Quinton Hazell, to manufacture and sell motor parts. He had noticed during the war that while the British Army would send up to 20 individual component parts for assembly, all wrapped in black grease and paper (and very seldom delivered together), the Americans would provide complete ready-made components, or at least all the necessary components, in one box. He was determined to use their example to manufacture, pack and market motor

components in complete sets, clean and labelled.

He began with four friends in a room over a garage, making tie rods for cars. But soon, through hard work, imaginative design (including the first practical nylon steering joint), astute packaging (featuring the Welsh dragon) and dynamic selling to 156 countries around the world, the business took off and quickly made inroads into the monopoly of the carmakers and component manufacturers. By the mid-1950s Quinton Hazell's staff had grown from himself, his wife and four workmates to 800 people.

Continued expansion led the company to go public in 1960, when its headquarters moved to Warwickshire. After receiving the Queen's Award for Industry (for export achievement) in 1972, the company was taken over the following year by the Burmah Oil Group. In the meantime Hazell had been appointed MBE for his services to exports in 1961.

In many ways the merger with

Burmah was a sad moment for Hazell.

He is survived by his wife Wenna (Wenna), whom he had married in 1942, and by friends in North Wales, he used a legacy from a friend which had come to him "completely out of the blue" to start up his own company, Quinton Hazell, to manufacture and sell motor parts. He had noticed during the war that while the British Army would send up to 20 individual component parts for assembly, all wrapped in black grease and paper (and very seldom delivered together), the Americans would provide complete ready-made components, or at least all the necessary components, in one box. He was determined to use their example to manufacture, pack and market motor

components in complete sets, clean and labelled.

He began with four friends in a room over a garage, making tie rods for cars. But soon, through hard work, imaginative design (including the first practical nylon steering joint), astute packaging (featuring the Welsh dragon) and dynamic selling to 156 countries around the world, the business took off and quickly made inroads into the monopoly of the carmakers and component manufacturers. By the mid-1950s Quinton Hazell's staff had grown from himself, his wife and four workmates to 800 people.

Continued expansion led the company to go public in 1960, when its headquarters moved to Warwickshire. After receiving the Queen's Award for Industry (for export achievement) in 1972, the company was taken over the following year by the Burmah Oil Group. In the meantime Hazell had been appointed MBE for his services to exports in 1961.

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PIPE MAJOR JOHN MacKENZIE

Pipe Major John MacKenzie, BEM, late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, died on June 12 aged 73. He was born on September 9, 1922.

THE world of piping has lost one of its most celebrated exponents with the death of John MacKenzie. He was Pipe Major of the 2nd and 8th Battalions of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and on retirement became Pipe Major Instructor at the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane.

John MacKenzie was born in Campbeltown on the Mull of Kintyre and was educated at the local school. From an early age he had cultivated a passionate interest in piping and pipe music. On leaving school in 1938 he immediately enlisted in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and was appointed Pipe Major at the exceptionally early age of 22.

In his autobiography *The Life of an Entrepreneur* (1992) he dealt forthrightly with the decline in British manufacturing in his time, and the failures of successive governments to support it. "Throughout my life," he wrote, "I have found a lack of understanding by governments of all parties of the vital need to develop manufacturing industry. Only when this is fully understood will Great Britain regain its place as a manufacturing nation."

Hazell was appointed CBE for political services in 1978 and in 1995 was knighted.

Outside business Hazell played his part in the public life of Warwickshire.

He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the county in 1982, was deputy chairman of the Warwickshire Private Hospital (and then chairman, from 1994, of what became the WPH Charitable Trust, set up to aid local medical charities when the Warwickshire Private Hospital was sold to the Nuffield Hospitals Group). He was a governor of the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick, and president of the Warwick and Leamington Constituency Conservative Association.

Created a Freeman of the City of London in 1967, he was also chairman of the West Midlands Economic Planning Council and a member of the Welsh Advisory Committee for Civil Aviation and the Wales Gas Board. His directorships included the Phoenix Assurance Company, the Foreign and Colonial Investment Trust and the Hawker-Siddeley Group. He was also a member of the Council of University College Bangor and of Birmingham University, and a member of the Court of Warwick University.

He is survived by his wife Wenna and a son.



MacKenzie receiving his BEM from the Duke of Edinburgh in 1987

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He was a popular and amusing companion and after he retired from Queen Victoria School in 1987 he delighted in recounting both regimental and school anecdotes. But he loved nothing more than to recite Burns, often with colourful and dramatic insertions. A particular favourite was *Tam o' Shanter* which was described by ex-pupils as "thrilling, majestic and masterly".

In 1987 he was awarded the BEM for his services to piping and the Army and this was fittingly presented to him on his final day at the school.

He is survived by his wife Margaret and their two daughters.

TED NIGHTINGALE

Ted Nightingale, CMG, Governor, Equatoria Province, Sudan, 1952-54, died on June 14 aged 91. He was born on August 19, 1904.

TED NIGHTINGALE, who died while visiting England from his farm at Naivasha in Kenya, was the last but one British Governor of Equatoria Province in southern Sudan. Apart from such visits his life after his retirement from the Sudan Political Service in 1954 had been lived entirely in Africa.

Educated at Rugby and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Edward Humphrey Nightingale entered the Sudan Political Service in 1926. For the next 21 years he found himself posted to the more remote districts in both the northern and southern provinces.

Always a countryman, Nightingale soon acquired, as a background to his administrative duties, a deep interest in agricultural problems and in the wildlife of the Sudan. Lean and athletically built, widely and affectionately known by both British and

Sudanese as Bulbul, the Arabic translation of his surname, he was a keen horseman and became a skilled and courageous polo player, game he continued to pursue with remarkable cunning and enthusiasm until after his 85th birthday.

In 1948 Nightingale was brought in to Khartoum from the provinces and for the next four years he served first as assistant and then as deputy civil secretary. Finally, he was appointed to the Governorship of Equatoria. Until he retired in 1954, having reached the compulsory retirement age of 50, he strove as a dedicated champion for the right of the Southern Sudanese to be consulted on their future status vis-a-vis the aspirations of Northern politicians. His efforts, for all the reason that lay behind them, availed little and the warnings he gave of the inevitability of trouble to come were brushed aside.

A few years before his retirement, Nightingale and his wife had bought 500 acres of undeveloped land on the Kinangop in Kenya, next door to his father-in-law, which, during his leaves from the



Nightingale among local people and African police in western Sudan in 1937

JUDGE FERNAND SCHOKWEILER

Judge Fernand Schokweiler, Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, died on June 14 aged 60. He was born in Luxembourg on June 15, 1935.

THE European Court of Justice has suffered the double blow of losing, within a year, two of its most skilled and brilliant judges. Judge René Jollet, Belgian, who died in July, was widely known in the English-speaking legal world. Less well-known but no less influential was Judge Fernand Schokweiler of Luxembourg, who died suddenly while convalescing after a minor operation.

Schokweiler, the only son



of a Luxembourg insurance inspector, was less than five years old when his country was invaded by the Germans. His father was active in an escape network, was captured and was sent to a concentration camp. Soon after, Schokweiler was deported with his mother to Germany where they were forced to spend the rest of the war and where he received his first three years of primary education. This early experience, about which — typically among his compatriots — he preferred not to speak, laid the foundation of his lifelong commitment to the rule of law, to justice and to the European ideal.

After studying law in Paris, Schokweiler practised at the

Luxembourg Bar until he joined the Ministry of Justice of which, in due course, he became not only the head but, in the words of the Chief Justice of Luxembourg, the soul. He was responsible for many legislative reforms and took part in negotiating a number of international agreements, especially in connection with the Brussels Convention on jurisdiction and enforcement of judgments. He was chairman of the Council of Europe Committee on Judicial Co-operation. He wrote books on subjects as diverse as the common ownership of immovable property, international private law and administrative procedure. The second editions of the last two, completed shortly before his death, will be published posthumously.

In October 1985 Schokweiler was appointed to the European Court of Justice where he quickly gained a reputation for assiduous hard work, deep knowledge of the relevant law and, above all, sound common sense. He had the expert draftsman's skill, essential in a collegiate court, of being able to devise a simple formula to encapsulate a point on which everyone could agree. He was *juge rapporteur* (the judge charged with drafting the court's judgment) in many important cases and the court was rarely unable to agree on the line of his first draft. If there was disagreement, he was utterly loyal in giving effect to the opinion of the majority while pointing out the pitfalls and difficulties.

His passion for the truth was legendary, as were his absolute objectivity and his commitment to producing work which was both of high quality and on time. But he was far from being a legal technocrat. His chambers were a happy environment in which to work and those who worked most closely with him were well acquainted with his unfailing optimism.

A man of extreme modesty and deeply committed to his family, Schokweiler passed his leisure hours listening to classical music or reading philosophy or history. He spent his weekends and vacations in the depths of the Luxembourg Ardennes. There his pleasures were in walking, observing nature and, in the evening, chatting and playing cards with the people of the village. He was never too busy to help with personal problems and the mayors of the surrounding communities relied greatly on his advice.

Schokweiler is survived by his wife Colette, his son, who has followed him in the service of the Luxembourg Ministry of Justice, and his daughter, a programme executive with a German television channel.

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Clinton calls for anti-terror alliance

■ President Clinton called for a new international alliance to combat attacks such as the Dhahran bombing, saying: "We must rally the forces of freedom and tolerance everywhere to work against terrorism."

He was speaking as leaders of the seven main industrial nations rewrote their summit agenda to consider new proposals on terrorism and organised crime.....Pages 1, 15

Race to save Becket casket for Britain

■ Britain has six days to save a spectacular 12th-century casket believed to have held a relic of Thomas à Becket, which is to be sold by Sotheby's on Thursday. The reliquary casket or chasse, which may have contained one of his bones, a fragment of his clothing or a lock of his hair, could be lost unless the Victoria & Albert Museum can raise several million poundsPage 1

Sympathy vote

Gareth Southgate, whose penalty miss against Germany brought England's Euro 96 bandwagon to a shuddering halt, returned home with words of sympathy ringing in his ears.....Pages 1, 4, 13

Blair storm

Tony Blair flies into Edinburgh today to quell a growing storm both within and outside his party over his plans to hold a referendum on a Scottish parliament.....Page 1

Hogg 'safe'

John Major told Douglas Hogg he would keep his job as Agriculture Minister, despite calls from senior colleagues for him to be sacked.....Page 2

Windsor portrait

A long-lost portrait of Charles II, painted by Antonio Verrio as the centrepiece of a 17th-century ceiling at Windsor Castle, will be returning to Windsor after its discovery by a dealer.....Page 7

NUT rebuff

The NUT is scrapping a history commission to mark its 125th anniversary because the book is too critical, the author claimed.....Page 9

Gangland victory

The Irish Government virtually admitted defeat in the battle against the Dublin gangs believed to be responsible for a journalist's murder.....Page 8

Mothers do 'ave 'em

■ Bright men have their mothers to thank for their cleverness, according to Professor Gillian Taylor, an expert on genetics from New South Wales, Australia. She says the genes a man inherits from his mother play a greater role in determining his intelligence than his father. Conversely, dimwitted men can also blame their mothers.....Page 1



An artist's impression of Sir Norman Foster's high-tech 80,000 all-seater Wembley Stadium, which would allow a wider range of sports and entertainment. The design is London's last bid against Manchester for a £100m Sports Council grant

BUSINESS

Economy: The beef export ban took its toll of Britain's global trade figures in April, the trade deficit widening to £1.32 billion from £765 million in March.....Page 25

Eurotunnel: The channel rail link operator warned its 225 banks, saying they had no chance of a majority stake in the reconstructed company.....Page 25

Busse: National Express's ambitions to build Britain's first nationwide integrated transport group suffered a heavy blow.....Page 25

Markets: The FTSE 100 index fell 16.7 points to close at 3678.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 85.9 after rising from \$1.542 to \$1.545 but a fall from DM2.3579 to DM2.3524.....Page 25

Gulf bomb claim

A previously unknown group, Hezbollah-Gulf, claimed responsibility for the Saudi explosion in which 19 American servicemen were killed.....Pages 14, 15

Vital voters

General Aleksandr Lebed has joined President Yeltsin's administration but will his 11 million voters heed his advice to support Mr Yeltsin in the presidential election's second round? ..Page 16

Chinese blamed

Chris Patten, Hong Kong's Governor, told *The Times* up to 2

million are prepared to leave if something goes wrong solely because of the actions and comments of Chinese officials.....Page 17

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